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WU PEI-FU.

MAY MAKE INFLUENCE FELT. POLITICAL TRENDS.

The Nationalists' Half a Dozen Military Leaders.

FORECAST OF FIFTH PLENARY SESSION.

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

Insignificant though he may now appear in the Chinese political arena, Wu Pei-fu, who as one of the four Marshals of a few years ago commanded large numbers of troops, may yet exercise considerable influence on the trend of developments during the next few months.

Much depends on the preliminary negotiations between the half dozen or so military men of prominence in the Nationalist Party, prior to the opening of the "official" fifth plenary session of the Party's executive in Nanking. As yet there is no indication that any date for the conference will be strictly adhered to. Two courses are open.

The first is that the four main camps will come to an understanding which need only be formally ratified at Nanking.

The second is that the factions will disagree and, possibly after some delay, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will attempt to force an issue and carry through his programme in the face of passive but nevertheless virile opposition as he did at the fourth plenary session.

CHIANG AND FORCEFUL TACTICS.

From an American source, it was learned this week that ex-Marshall Wu Pei-fu is not dead. Rather, he is believed to have come out of retirement and placed himself at the head of a force variously estimated up to 200,000 strong, posted along the Upper Yangtze River, near the provincial boundary between Hupeh and Szechuan.

Later on Reuter reported the holding-up at Shanghai of a German steamer with arms and ammunition destined for General Liu Hsiang. As has been hinted in the "China Mail," these two messages have some connected bearing on the situation:

General Liu Hsiang is holding the centre of Szechuan against General Yang Sen. Yang Sen has been checked. In his own interests, it will pay him to bring Wu Pei-fu out if only because of his prestige. On the other hand, Liu Hsiang is a protege of the Nationalists. To assist him in preserving the balance of power in the Far West of China Proper, the Nationalists released his shipment of arms.

KWANGSI BIG FOUR.

Wu Pei-fu, or Yang Sen, by whichever name this faction is called, is therefore in a position between Liu Hsiang and Hupeh.

Now Hupeh is governed from Hankow and is a part of the domains of the Big Four of the Kwangsi Group in the Nationalist Party. The Big Four are:

Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton, who has gone to Peking;

General Li Tsung-jen, who went from Hankow to Peking; General Pei Chung-hsi, who is either at Peking or Hankow; General Wong Shiu-hung of Kwangsi.

Governing the four provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan and Hupeh and, at the same time, keeping other Nationalist groups at arm's length, in engaging the main who was entrusted with the mission, it is now possible to divulge a political secret.

Before Marshal Li Chai-sum left for the North, Mr. T. V. Soong had sent a former official to Canton to discuss centralisation of revenue.

SOURCE OF TROUBLE.

The attitude of Nanking in particular and other centres of Nationalism towards the Kwangsi Group can force the hand of Wu Pei-fu's neighbours at Hankow.

It is known that Marshal Li Chai-sum would not leave Canton to seek Marshal Chiang Kai-shek at Peking unless it was imperative that he should do so.

BANDITS ACTIVE IN YUNNAN.

TIN MINE CARAVANS DANGER OF BEING CUT OFF IN MOUNTAINS.

MISSIONARIES DELAYED.

Yunnanfu, July 10.

Conditions in Yunnan are still far from what might be desired owing chiefly to bandits who still render travelling a very precarious undertaking. A noted bandit leader, Mou Pu, has been busy at Mengtze and troops have been sent down to deal with him. Mengtze is a very important centre on a branch railway about 120 miles to the south-east of Yunnanfu and considerable traffic passes through the district in connection with the tin mines so that caravans on the route covered by this brigand's followers offer rich spoil.

The Tacyin at Mengtze is Chiang Ying-shu who comes from Linan and he states that it is one of his special duties to suppress brigandage but as his soldiers do not appear to be under very rigid discipline, Mengtze is no better off than before his arrival.

Mou Pu's men are reported to be at Linan, which is north-west of Mengtze. Their proximity to the railway is a rather disturbing feature, as the line is easily cut in the mountainous districts.

Missionaries,

Other main routes, such as that to Taihu in the west and Chautung in the north, are still infested by bandits. The authorities feel unable to allow missionaries to travel on those routes, even with a military escort. There are about a dozen missionaries who are anxiously waiting for the opportunity to start for their stations and most of them have been waiting for months.

The trouble seems to be lack of authority, for it certainly is not lack of soldiers, of whom there are far too many.

Officials.

General Lung Yen (head of the Yunnan Government) is suffering from eye trouble and is under treatment by a specialist. Mr. Chang Wei-han, the ex-Mayor of Yunnan, has been appointed by mandate from Nanking as Minister of Foreign Affairs and if he carries out his duties as well as he did when Mayor, there will be every cause for thankfulness.

Mr. Ma-Chen takes over the office from Mr. Chang as Mayor.

Mr. Chang Pang-han, who has been acting as Minister of Foreign Affairs, takes up the post of Chief of the Department of Reconstruction.

Celebrations.

On July 4, the Americans celebrated Independence Day. There was a reception at the American Consulate, at which a very representative gathering assembled and the usual toast was drunk at midday. A new feature was introduced by the presence of ladies, which was appreciated by all present.

The American community gave tea dancing at the Club.—Our own correspondent.

If a deadlock is reached, both camps may mark time until Wu Pei-fu comes out either for or against the Kwangsi interests at Hankow.

A POLITICAL SECRET.

In a light of experience and relative strength, the Kwangsi Group does not appear to be the potential aggressor should the breach be widened. But Chiang Kai-shek, having gone so far to make Nanking the capital of China in fact as well as in name, may provoke war.

On the authority of the man who was entrusted with the mission, it is now possible to divulge a political secret.

Before Marshal Li Chai-sum left for the North, Mr. T. V. Soong had sent a former official to Canton to discuss centralisation of revenue.

Assurances were given by Marshal Li's deputies in Canton that

the Kwangtung Government—dominated by the Kwangsi Group—is willing to place Canton's revenue under the control of Mr. T. V. Soong, the brother-in-law of Chiang Kai-shek, and Finance Minister at Nanking.

It was pointed out to Mr. Soong's unofficial representative, however, that much as Canton

HAYNES FAILS TO APPEAR.

DRIVING CHARGE.

TRADE PROTECTION SHROFFS IN COURT.

CASE ADJOURNED.

When the name "Leslie Ernest Haynes" was called at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning there was no reply.

Haynes should have appeared as defendant to answer a charge of dangerous driving.

A number of shroffs who were engaged by the South China Trade Protection Association were in Court.

Inspector James, in reply to the Magistrate (Mr. Schofield), said he did not think any of the shroffs were prepared to represent Haynes.

Eventually His Worship adjourned the case sine die.

At the instance of Sub-Inspector James, Haynes was summoned for driving his motor car, No. 284, along Salisbury-road in a dangerous manner on June 22 at about 1.35 p.m.

At the first two hearings defendant conducted his own case before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy. The previous hearing was on Saturday last.

For individual performances, however, the two days' play between Worcester and the West Indians stands out.

Gibbons made 200 not out for the home team, the highest score of the matches concluded yesterday.

Two of his team mates also ran into three figures as did one of his opponents.

Kent, the leaders in the county championship, were held up at Birmingham, although they scored 484 runs. On the other hand, 333 runs by Notts was sufficient to give them an innings' victory!

Hobbs did not play for the Players who, however, triumphed over the Gentlemen; but the Surrey man made a century for his County all the same.

THE LORD'S MATCH

London, Yesterday.

At Lord's, the Players beat the Gentlemen by nine wickets.

Scores:

Players 423 runs and 112 runs for 1 wicket.

Gentlemen 200 runs and (following-on) 333 runs.

LANCASHIRE v. ESSEX.

At Liverpool, Lancashire beat Essex by ten wickets. Scores:

Lancs. 456 runs for 6 wkts.

Essex 333 runs (Russell 131; Macdonald 5 for 55) following-on, and 277 runs (Russell 104; Macdonald 5 for 72).

NORTHANTS v. SURREY.

At Northampton, Northamptonshire lost to Surrey by ten wickets. Scores:

Northants 302 runs and 239 runs (Bellamy 118).

Surrey 530 runs for 9 wkts.

(dec. Hobbs 117) and 12 runs for no wicket.

ZUIDER ZEE SWIM.

YOUNG DUTCH GIRL'S FEAT.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

A young Dutch girl, Miss Leibbrandt, swam the Zuidere Zee from Stavoren to Enkhuizen in ten and a half hours. It is estimated she covered about 22 miles.

APPOINTMENTS.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

H.K.V.D.C. PROMOTIONS.

H.M. the King has approved of the following appointments to both the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Colony:

The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, official member, while he is acting as Secretary of Chinese Affairs, as from March 27.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, unofficial member, in place of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard who resigned on leaving the Colony, with effect from April 3. (Note: Mr. Shenton proceeded on Home leave shortly after his appointment.)

The Volunteers.

Promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps announced in the "Government Gazette" are as follows:

To be Captain.

1st Lt. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M., from July 11.

To be Lieutenant.

2nd Lt. H. Owen Hughes from July 4.

2nd Lt. N. L. H. Ralton from July 5.

2nd Lt. Alistair Mackenzie from July 6.

2nd Lt. S. Jarvis, M.C., from July 7.

2nd Lt. G. Duncan, M.B.E., from July 8.

WEST INDIES 410 runs for 6 wkts, dec. (Road 149 not out).

Worcester 489 runs for 2 wkts.

(Nichol 104, Gibbons 200 not out, Fox 104 not out).

Leicester 285 runs and 363 runs (Armstrong 107).

Hants 180 runs and 213 runs.

WORCESTER v. WEST INDIES.

At Worcester, in a two days match, Worcestershire drew with the West Indies. Scores:

West Indies 410 runs for 6 wkts, dec. (Road 149 not out).

Worcester 489 runs for 2 wkts.

(Nichol 104, Gibbons 200 not out, Fox 104 not out).

This match was restricted to

two days to give the tourists a rest before embarking on their Second Test, which begins to-day at Manchester. —Reuter.

According to the Bull columns of last Saturday's "Telegraph," the Leslian mantle has fallen on capable shoulders.

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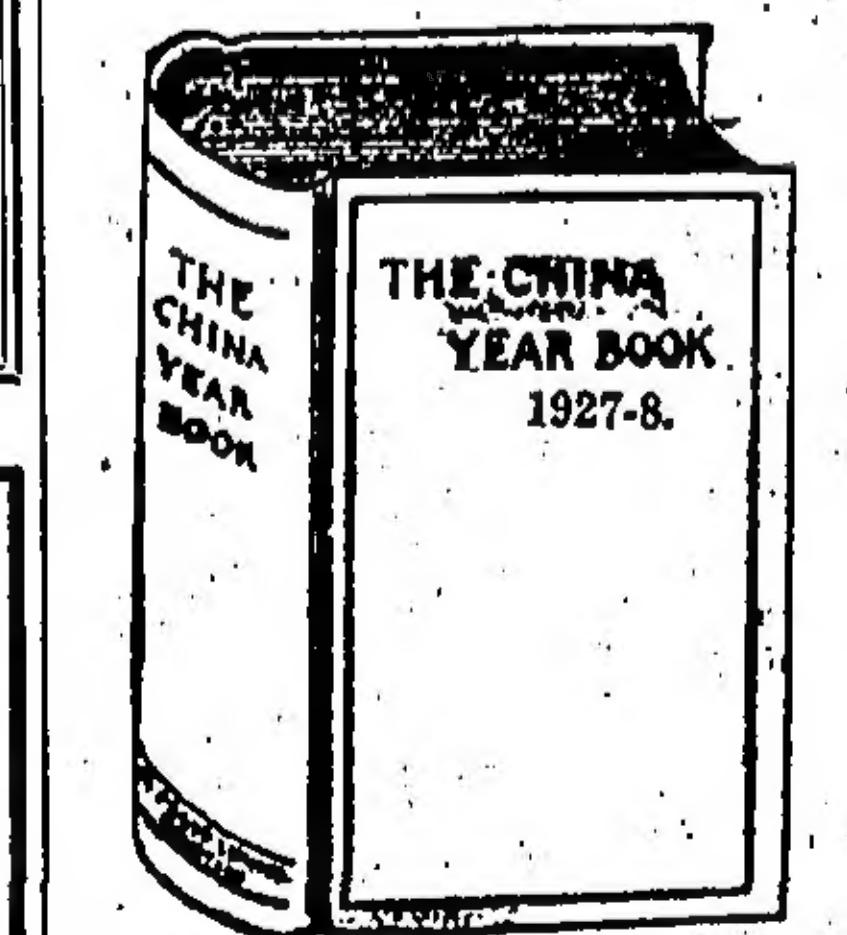
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HAGUE RULES.

OSLO SHIPOWNERS' FILE
OPPOSITION.

A lengthy criticism of The Hague Rules was made at a meeting of the Oslo Shipowners' Association by Mr. Kristoffer Olsen, and after discussion a resolution was adopted unanimously dissenting in principle from the adoption in Norway of the rules by way of legislation. The association considers that it would be practically impossible to get an appropriate law in such complicated connection. Moreover it is held that the uniformity which is thought to be carried out will not be obtained by international legislation for all kinds of maritime transport. It is also considered that international confederation will hamper the free development and adaptation of regulations to changed requirements.

Should, however, there be a question of the establishment of The Hague Rules by legislation in Norway, the resolution draws attention to the circumstance that these are not worked out with reference to tramp services, and all are said to be agreed that there is no need through invariable rules to fix by legislation The Hague Rules

MERSEY DOCKS.

COLONEL BUCKLEY ELECTED
A MEMBER.

Lieut.-Col. Albert Buckley, D.S.O., chairman of the Council of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, was at the weekly meeting of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board elected a member of that body to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John H. Burrell.

Mr. E. G. Brownbill, in proposing Mr. Buckley's election, said he felt sure that the proposal would meet with general acceptance, as they all knew of Colonel Buckley's public career, and there was no need for him to enlarge upon it. Most of his life Colonel Buckley had been identified with the wool trade, which formerly was represented on the Board. In addition Colonel Buckley holds the position of chairman of the Council of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, and he felt sure the members would agree with him that it was a matter of congratulation that they were linking up with that important body which represented so many trade interests.

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Belfast—Messrs. Harland and Wolff have received from the White Star Company an order for a vessel which will be the largest in the world. They have commenced to lay the keel.

The dimensions of the vessel are not yet available for publication. The record for size is held by the White Star liner "Majestic," which is 915 ft. long and has a tonnage of 56,650 gross.

The construction of the new vessel will occupy between three and four years and the cost is expected to amount to nearly £7,000,000. Its gross tonnage is expected to be about 60,000.

The new ship will be employed on the Southampton—New York route and will be fitted and furnished in the most luxurious manner. It is possible that she may be driven by internal combustion engines. If so, they will mark a very big advance in size, the Italian-built "Augustus," with a tonnage of 33,000.

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Leave	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 29
Arrive	Oct. 3	Oct. 6	Oct. 9	Oct. 11	Oct. 20
Leave	Oct. 24	Oct. 27	Oct. 30	Nov. 1	Nov. 10
Arrive	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 15	Nov. 24
Leave	Nov. 29	Dec. 1	Dec. 4	Dec. 6	Dec. 15
Arrive	Dec. 12	Dec. 15	Dec. 18	Dec. 20	Dec. 29
Leave	Jan. 16	Jan. 19	Jan. 22	Jan. 24	Feb. 2
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SWEDISH LOAN.

CONDITIONS REVISED BY
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RATE OF INTEREST.

The Swedish Government has issued a proclamation revising the conditions under which loans will in future be granted out of the State Ship Loan Fund for the acquisition of ships.

The notice states that the fund is principally destined for the promotion of Swedish shipping in foreign parts, and specially in distant waters, whereas loans can only be conceded in exceptional cases to shipping undertakings occupied in the home shipping trade. If loans are sought for the acquisition of ships—under equal conditions for the rest—preference is given to the intending borrowers who place their orders with Swedish yards.

The rate of interest to be paid by borrowers from the date of the grant is fixed at 5 per cent. per annum, although borrowers are placed under the obligation to pay interest on the loan, or the part thereof unpaid, at a higher rate, which may be determined during the currency of the loan. After possession of the loan has been had for two years from the original date of grant, there shall be repaid during the following six years one-sixth part annually of the original amount of the loan, without, however, debarring the borrowers from repaying at one time before the date of maturity that part of the loan still remaining unredeemed. If the instalment repayments of capital are not satisfied within eight days after the due date, the borrowers will have to pay interest on the capital due in this respect at the rate of 5

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Hong Kong, Saturday, July 21, 1928.

H.C.—His Column.

The next International Congress of
Agriculture is to be held in Bucharest in
1929. Which does not give our New Territories Association much time to prepare and despatch exhibits, does it?

Even among most of us A Woman who has been sipping in it. the nectars of Cathay long enough to know better there occasionally arises a desire, sometimes a longing, to witness once more a really good play; and if by the gentle tickling of any of my electric lamp bulbs I could command a magic carpet I would ask to be set down in a seat at the Strand Theatre. For here is—or was very recently—being explained what Hannibal was up to on that particular night of 216 B. C. when he decided to turn back from Rome, also why he refrained from sacking the city when at its very gates. There is, of course, a woman in it.

She was the wife of Ancient Fabius Maximus, and, being of Greek descent, Recast, was not mightily interested in the old war known to our schooldays as the Second Punic. She was interested in Hannibal, however, when she heard what his age was, and, in endeavouring to catch a glimpse of him, was captured by the approaching army as a spy. Hannibal, when he saw her, was smitten so, according to the play, they made a night of it, in the course of which the lady got in a few home-truths about the folly of war. Well, cutting a long and intensely absorbing story short, Hannibal at daybreak returned the lady to her unsuspecting husband and ordered a general retreat.

So now you know what the warrior was doing on that particular night in 216 B. C.—according to *The Road to the Journals*.

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Sir David Yule, Autobiographical who has recently died, has been

called the "silent millionaire" chiefly because, it seems, his life and career only occupied nine lines in "Who's Who?" Which does not follow at all, as a Homeside civil action proved not long ago. Then it was shewn that persons considered of sufficient importance to grace the pages of the familiar red book with particulars concerning themselves are invited to write their own notices. Another misconception that may possibly arise in connection with the late Sir David is that, as he was a big shareholder of the London *Daily Chronicle* and its associated publications, he made his fortune, computed to be between ten and twenty million sterling, out of newspapers. Nothing of the kind, dear reader. He collected his wealth through the medium of the two famous merchant firms, Andrew Yule of Calcutta and Yule, Catto and Co. Ltd., of London.

A contemporary recently had occasion severely to rap the knuckles of a correspondent who took exception to a local custom. The correspondent, however, had the good grace to admit that he had written in ignorance of the custom so everything was all right. Strange to say the people who are in regard to what is and is not done are, frequently, those who have been in the Colony more than a little while. Promoters of shows of all kinds now and then forward to the newspaper offices one instead of two complimentary tickets when desiring a critique or, as the advertiser calls it, a write-up. Only a couple of days ago, I am told, those responsible for the arrangement of the promenade concerts erred in this direction. Of course, there is no obligation to supply two free seats; it is merely the custom.

So it is like that, is it? Labels and To label the Oracle of Libels. Kennedy-roué is to libel him. Well, well. A libel is something, sometimes, true, which the person referred to does not like. What I wonder, has the reverend gentleman done to warrant such horrid labels?

I have been reading in Prince of condens'd form the adventures of that Prince of Rogues, Casanova, as set out by Sidney Dark in his recently-published *Twelve Bad Men*. And how sordid do these adventures appear in this new volume compared with the accounts by Casanova's half-admiring biographer, M. Joseph Le Gras. Casanova is the adventurer who flourished throughout Europe in the middle of the eighteenth century, and perhaps his greatest claim to fame is that he made the Pope laugh. As a matter of fact I do not entirely agree with his inclusion among the other eleven bad men selected by Mr. Dark, seeing that some of them—Thomas Cromwell, Judge Jeffries, Cesare Borgia and Louis XI—were really scoundrels of the first water.

However, it seems that He Died Casanova, if not a proper bum, was undoubtedly a rogue and a knave.

He was never long without money, and when funds were low would start a swindling company or ally himself to card sharps. He always longed for the life of a great gentleman, but, as M. Joseph Le Gras has said, "there was in him an overflow of low instincts, vulgar, coarse, dirty, the need of immediate satisfaction of low pleasure." At one time in Venice he was a police spy, but, as Mr. Dark says, was probably inefficient, for after a year his regular income came to an end. He was kicked out of Venice and again went to Paris, where he dreamt many dreams. One of his plans was to start a newspaper—"all adventurers sooner or later have such plans," comments Mr. Dark—but it did not come true. Though his trade was swindling, he was often swindled. He died a bum.

I do not care two hoots Pseudo, whether America wins Amateurs, the Davis Cup; but it is refreshing to see that that country's lawn tennis bigwigs intend to enforce the Amateur Rule in connection with players writing newspaper articles for pay or consideration. Also, I do not care two hoots about this particular Amateur Rule. What I like to see is the prevention of pseudo-amateurs waxing fat on proceeds which belong, really, to the journalists' pocket.

A lot has been heard re-sticky, garding the faulty running of the wheels of justice in the Provisional Court of Shanghai since it ceased to be known as the Mixed Court, but quite often, I observe, there are decisions handed out which appear to conform with the accepted tenets of legal procedure. Take that copyright case which came up the other week. A Chinese firm put on the market a

hair preparation which they termed "stacon." Perhaps it was a very good preparation.

However, the labels and jars resembled so much those which are the proprietary marks of a well-known product almost similarly named that the Chinese were mulcted in the sum of two hundred dollars and their imitative bottles confiscated. Which is the stuff to give 'em!

H. M. S. Suffolk, accord-

Schoolboy ing to friend, Josh Boxers, Brook, has brought a tidy collection of boxers with her to the China station, and with the rapidly approaching cool weather we should see some more sterling programmes staged by the local Association. What I should like to witness is a number of schoolboy tournaments such as the Victoria Recreation Club used to run in connection with the Colony championships. There are a few worthy old-time scrappers acting as coaches at the various schools, so the lads are being looked after in this direction. Why not, then, stage one or more competitions during the winter? Some of the schools have sufficient pupils to present a programme off their own bat, as Billy Tingle's Diocesan boys do in Shanghai.

Telegraphic communication with Shanghai, and beyond has been re-established.

The name of Mr. G. H. Bond has been added to the list of authorised architects in Hong Kong.

A new regulation relating to fermentation in distilleries is announced in the "Gazette."

Two gold rings, valued at \$15 are reported stolen from No. 24, Woosung-street, Yaumati, early yesterday.

Alterations to house numbers in Robinson-road and Queen's-road West are announced in the "Government Gazette."

\$57 of counterfeit coins were discovered by the police in an unnumbered matashed on Shaukiwan hill side. A woman was arrested.

Between 4.15 and 5.15 a.m. yesterday thieves entered No. 158 Aberdeen-street, and stole a hand bag and \$135 in Hong Kong bank notes.

A Chinese, found interfering with the fire hydrant, and drawing water from it, in Circular Pathway, was fined \$15 by Major C. Wilson yesterday.

The body of a three months' old Chinese, found by the police between Aberdeen-street and Caine-road, was taken to the Public Mortuary.

Names struck off the register of companies include those of Colonial Commercial Co., Ltd., The General Exchange Co., Ltd., Yue Tak Co., Ltd. and The Sedan Co., Ltd.

A married woman, named Lau Chak, aged 23, residing at Russell-street was removed to Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from poison, believed to have been self-administered.

A Chinese, found guilty of stealing 5,000 copper cents from a money changer's shop in Des Voeux-road Central, was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour by Major C. Wilson yesterday.

H.M. the King has given assent to Ordinance No. 5 of 1928 which gave effect to the change in name and office of the Principal Civil Medical Officer to Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

TEASERS.

Answer The "China Mail" Questions.

TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half dozen questions, not tremendously difficult to answer but not always so simply solved as may be thought, appear on this page. These, as in the past, are compiled by the "China Mail" staff and include from time to time questions of local interest. Answers are given on Page Eleven.

1. Who was Ares?

2. What local firm flies a red flag on which is a white circle with the letter "A" inscribed?

3. What is bakelite?

4. How many beds are there at the Tung Wah Hospital?

5. What is a calque?

6. Who is the Commodore of the Hong Kong Naval Establishments?

THE LASSIES.

"The wisest man the world e'er saw
He dearly lo'ed the lassies o'—"

BURNS.

I wonder what pur' Rab would say
About the lassies of to-day;
What he'd think of this short skirt
movement;

Like me, he'd say; a great
Improvement,
And better noo by far, than when
They walked like some auld

Their dresses traillin' in the glair
Tae show their legs, they widna
daur;

Their throats in stiff neckbands
encased;

Their hair done up in twists and
Knots,

Lang skirts and flannel petti-
goats;

But noo their shorn O'a their locks
Their class they hardly hide their
locks,

But smarter far in every way
Than what they were in my
young day

Noo, men ya'lle admired their
cheeks,

Pay mair attention tae their
breasts.

The young yins, they are noo tae
blame,

Foor noo their grannies dress the
same.

They're noo awre auld at sixty-three
The wear their skirt abune their
knee.

They're just-as frisky as can be
I often think it's great tae see

Auld hens wha's youth is long sine
owre

Dressed up like tarts o'twenty-
four,

Ye'd think them young things, out
on trial.

Until they turn and show their
dial.

What sights ye see! when stairs
ascend

Or if ye chance tae catch them
bending.

There's some auld cranks wha try
tae sham them

But as for me, I never blame
them.

I'm shair I'd never think it
shocking

Tae see a lass pu' up her stocking

And I'd be first tae lend her

A hand tae fasten her suspender.

I hope that naught will come to mar'

The sights I see when on the car.

In bounces three or four young

queens

A' plump and strapping in their

teenagers,

Wi' skirts, well abune their knee

They'll plank theirsels in front

They're neither shy nor blate, my

fags

They'll twist and turn and cross

their legs.

Like ither things that are for-

bidden,

There's legs that wad be better

hidden.

There's some like posts and some

like poker.

They'll scarce haud up their

PICTURES OF LOCAL INTEREST



MUCH REGRETTED DEPARTURE.—Mr. H. T. Jackman, Assistant Director of Public Works, who is leaving to-day on retirement, after twenty-five years' service in Hong Kong. A very courteous official, whose going will be regretted by colleagues and the public.—(Ming Yuen).



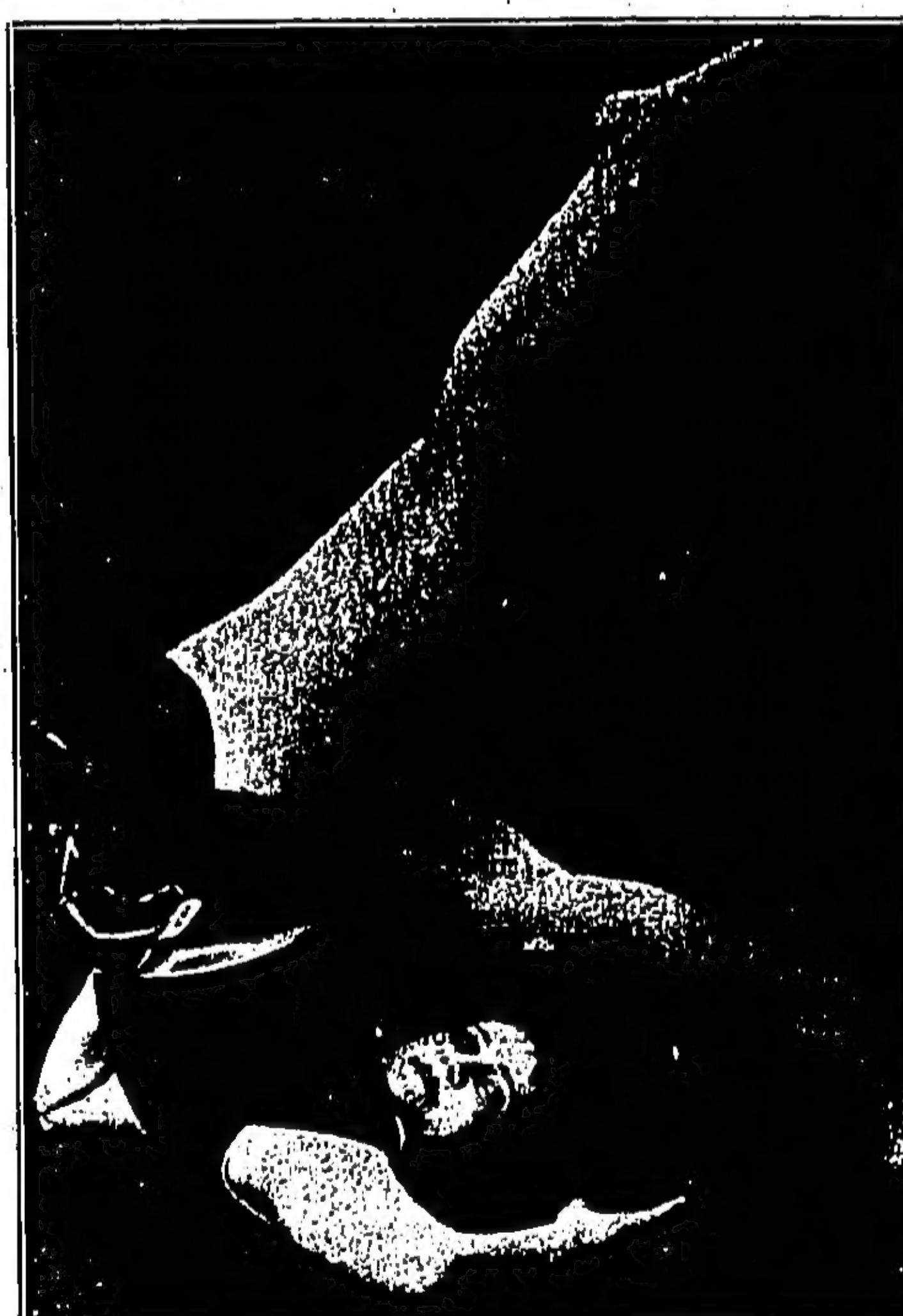
COLONY'S PING-PONG CHAMPION.—Mr. Ng Tai-ping, who is also President of the Ping-Pong League, with his many trophies. The embroidered scroll on the right was presented by Chan Chak.—(A. Fong).



WIFE OF ASSISTANT D.P.W.—Mrs. H. T. Jackman, the wife of one of the Assistant Directors of Public Works, who is accompanying her husband to-day on his departure from the Colony. Mrs. Jackman leaves a host of friends in the Colony.—(Ming Yuen).



OFFERINGS TO BRITANNIA.—Kiddies of Quarry Bay School, dressed on Wednesday in costumes representative of all divisions of the Empire in a tableaux in which Britannia was the central figure. The occasion was "Open Day" at the school, largely attended by parents and friends.—(Welcome Studio).



PHYSICAL CULTURE.—One of the movements taught by Madame Baronelli of Kowloon in her physical culture for children and ladies.—(Tanaka).



DANCING TEACHER.—Madame Baronelli, who teaches dancing for both adults and children at her studio in Ashley-road, Kowloon.—(Tanaka).



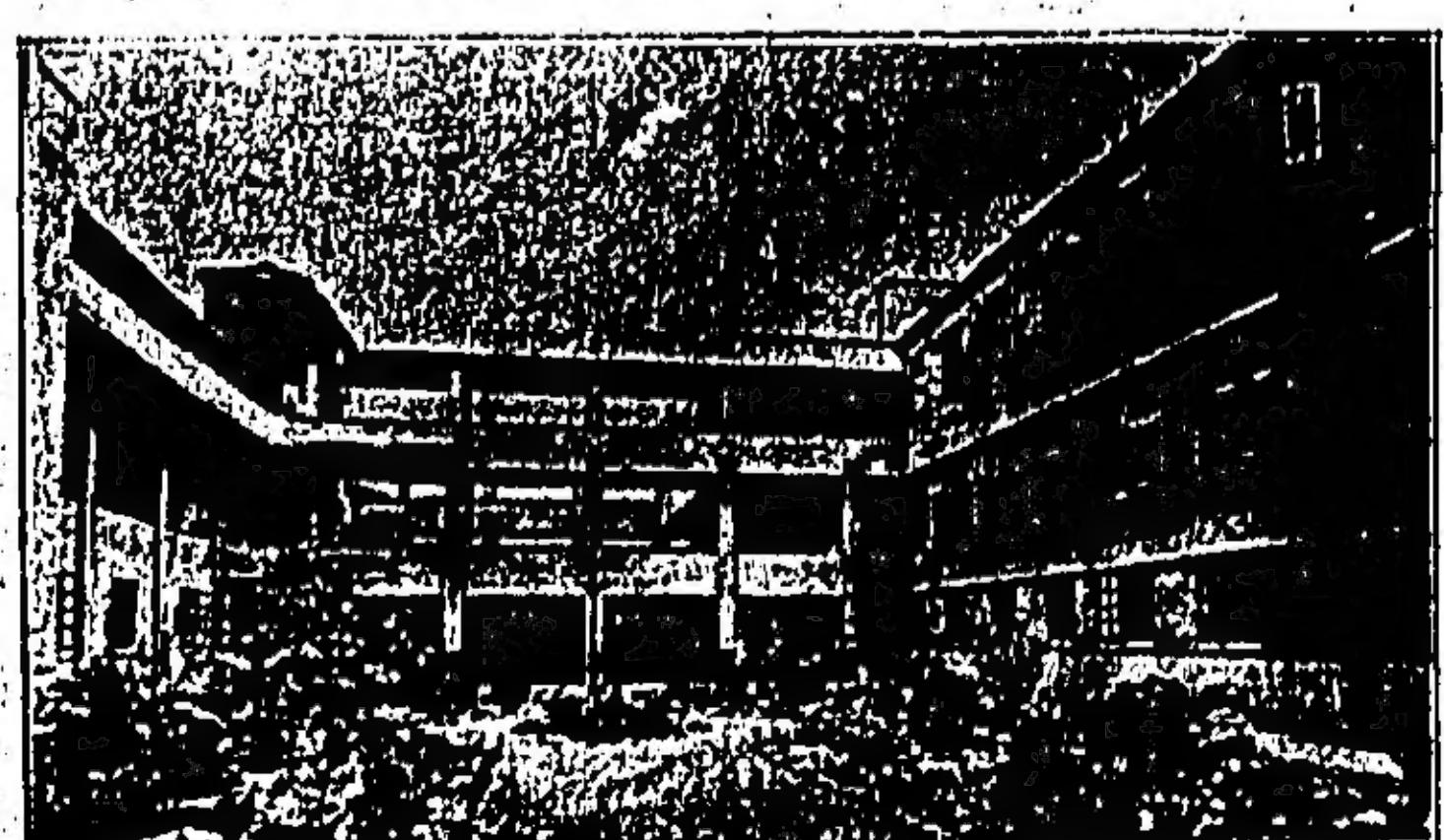
ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, HONG KONG.—A group of the Chinese boys. In the centre row, second from left, is Mr. E. G. Stewart. In the centre is Mr. Tso, the son of Dr. S. W. Tso, L.L.D.—(Welcome Studio).



IN THE GYMNASIUM.—At Quarry Bay School on Wednesday, when the children dressed up and presented an entertainment for "Open Day," much admired by proud parents and friends.—(Welcome Studio).



WHERE THE BOYS SLEEP.—One of the dormitories in the Diocesan Boys' School, in the new building, Homuntin, Kowloon.



LOCAL SEAT OF LEARNING.—In the quadrangle of the new building of the Diocesan Boys' School at Homuntin, Kowloon.

THE "MAIL'S" FASHIONS ILLUSTRATED

THE NEW SPORTS COAT

Among the New Coats Which Show An Increasing Variety Is Seen the Velveteen of Bright Colours



Femininity is the fashion for the coming seasons, and this tendency towards a softened outline is exhibited in sports models as well as in the more formal coats.

There are ever so many silhouettes to choose from among the new sports coats and an equal assortment of materials and colours. Details of genuine charm possess an important part in lending variety to the sports mode.

The straightline silhouette has been in no way neglected and except for a few variations there is a familiar look about many of the models which usher in a bright spring and summer season. Simplicity being always the dominant factor in sports clothes, there is bound to be a certain similarity of cut from one year to the other. However, the list of details which mark the coats now is long and interesting.

There is seen right now a ten-

UNDER THE BRIM OF THE SUMMER HAT.

As the mid-summer season approaches, the brimmed hat assumes importance. One's comfort comes first, after all, and while we admit the utter smartness of the brimless small hat, it is hardly to be considered when the day is drenched with sunshine. Even the cloche, quite sufficient unto itself, is broadening its brim for reasons it considers sufficient. In general, the brimmed hat is having its hour!

Quite as seasonal as the garden is the garden hat. It is a logical accessory to the frock of lace or chiffon, or the summer cotton or linen. The woman who finds it picturesquely becoming greets it with enthusiasm, the woman who does not contents herself with a medium brim, shortened where it should be, given width where it is possible. Seldom has the medium-brimmed hat been so varied and interesting.

It is a somewhat paradoxical statement; this, but it is really true that as the brim widen, more of the fact is shown. This is achieved in various ways, chiefly by a flared treatment; not upward, but outward and downward. There is a slight lifting in the process. At times the large hat shows a brim shorter on one side than on the other, the wide side drooping, this results in a view of the face.

It is noted that straw is assuming its rightful position in the summer mode and at this time it is casting felt and fabrics of various sorts into the shadow. Felt is, however, a classic, and always correct because so rated. But the smart hat is the straw hat, almost invariably. We list them—Bangkok, ballinist, Bakou, sisal, paillasson, hair and the fine straws that are ably represented by Milan.

Since there must be millinery to suit every purpose, as well as every taste, we must consider a hat wardrobe that includes sports, town, afternoon and evening models.

GENERAL TENDENCIES AND MINUTE DETAILS THAT MARK THE MODE

A Complete Change in the Silhouette for Summer Ushers in Many Interesting Details for a Complete Wardrobe. Feminine Touches Everywhere Show Fashion's Trend.



With the summer season here and a peep into summer styles creating a keen interest in the mode, it is stimulating to observe the general change in the new silhouette. Gone entirely is the vogue of things boyish. Sports clothes are definitely planned for sports—femininity is stressed in all other garments. The normal waistline is slowly but surely returning; skirts are longer; the scarf or cape neckline is readily observed; yards of material in everything helps to create the new soft, voluminous silhouette. Hats have taken to feminine trimmings and feathers, flowers and veils are much used to decorate them. Sweaters, too, show a feminine trend and have silk appliqués. Indeed, it is a season giving a wealth of details a prominence long lacking in the mode.

Definite points of interest that create a feminine feeling are, for instance, the tucked yoke in both frock and coat. The fluttering sleeve that is so effective in thin materials gives a feeling of softness. The kerchief neckline is much observed in sports as well as in dresses for general wear. The jabot frill definitely takes its stand towards fluttering femininity, while the bustle bow is indeed a step or two backwards taken right from the heart of things feminine in styles. The tiered skirt possesses a fullness and soft outline. The longer skirt, too, is an important step in the realisation of things feminine. It generally is only a step from sports millinery to that designed for town wear, which stresses the small hat with an occasional large hair hat that is quite simply trimmed.

The cloche is important in this group, and is made of either felt or straw. The small flower turban appears, also, and turbans of decorative material—silk jersey, tricot and fabrics that are polka-dotted. Another novelty appears in this class, and it, too, is a turban. It is made of tricot straw, fits closely to the head, and has long Georgette scarfs depending from either side. These scarfs are worn floating free, wound about the neck, or draped around the hat.

The hat with wide brim or medium-wide is the afternoon choice. Evening sees a return of the turban or the skull cap. A word about the latter is imperative, for it is one of the season's successes. It is made of gleaming paillettes of tiny lacquered feathers, or of curls of fine straw that resemble a Greek head in statuary. On certain types this skull cap is extremely smart, but many types cannot wear it at all.

Summer brings a very great many flowers into the millinery scheme, but tailored finishes and trimmings prevail. Some of the large hats have the edges of the brim bound with ribbon to match the band around the crown.

Lace appears on transparent picture hats as well as on smaller hats of straw. There are some effective colour contrasts black and white, enjoying favour. Fabric contrasts are also important.

COOL HANDS.

So many girls' pleasure is spoilt at a dance by their hands perspiring, especially in these days when gloves are often dispensed with. On no account must any so-called "remedy" be taken to prevent or check perspiration. Some girls perspire much more than others, but it is "the way they are made." It is a good plan to soak the hands for about five minutes in a special solution before dressing for a dance. The best thing to use is a solution of borax. The borax must be bought in powder. A dessert-spoonful dissolved in two pints (an average-size tumbler holds half a pint) of warm water. The hands must be placed in this solution and covered over with a towel. Before drying them a few drops of glycerine must be poured over them and well rubbed in. If this treatment does not check excessive perspiration, a suitable powder must be used. Nothing is better than one in which boracic acid in powder form is the chief ingredient. It can be mixed with any inert powder to dilute it, but the most satisfactory one is "light magnesia," as called because there is a "heavy magnesia," too. Put one part of boracic acid with two parts of the light magnesia. The most handy way to measure is to fill a tablespoon—not heaped up, but flat. Mix the powders very lightly together. A mortar should

not be used. Just mix them on a sheet of paper (glazed paper is best) with a bone paper knife. Soak a piece of lint about 3 in square in water (cold will do) for a very few minutes, so that it is thoroughly wet through. Then squeeze it out, but not too dry. Dip the rough side into the powder, and well press into it so that the material is smothered with the mixture. It must then be spread to dry, and in a few hours will be ready for use. It will resemble "boracic lint" of the chemist, only it will have the magnesia as well. This will be found a most convenient way of applying the powder to the palms of the hands, just rubbing them over with the lint, which can be carried in the beauty-bag. Several pieces of lint can be prepared at the same time, and when dry folded up with the powdered side inward. One piece of lint will be quite sufficient for one evening; all that is necessary is just a touch of the powder.

WORLD'S CHAMPION SKATER.

Skating in the old land has always been highly popular, but in Australia this sport has not made much headway—mainly because roller skating in time becomes monotonous, and ice skating can only be indulged in at certain

not to blame if we are lacking in the progress of skating. Some years ago in Brisbane there were many hundreds of enthusiasts for roller-skating, and it would seem that there will be a great demand for it this winter. We recently heard news of Sonja Henie, the young Norwegian girl skater, who is only 15 years of age, and who retained the world's figure skating championship for ladies at the London Ice Club during last March. Having established a lead in the compulsory figures she executed some magnificent pirouettes, turns and figures in the free skating section. A large crowd, which included Princess Victoria and Princess Royal, witnessed the display. Sonja Henie was clad in turquoise and wonderful furs, and this rendered more picturesque her supreme grace on the ice. A feature of her demonstration was her spinning on each foot, her speed being astounding. Imagine a toe dancer speeded up about 10 times, and we may then have some idea of the spectacle presented by the world champion. There seemed to be surprise at the fact that the United States skater, Miss Maribel Vinson, won second place, beating Fraulein Fritz Burger, of Vienna, by a narrow margin. It is said that Miss Vinson did extremely well in the free skating, giving a dashing display of intricate movements.

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WRAPS TO WEAR WITH THE NEW EVENING GOWNS

The Period Gown Demands a Special Type of Wrap. Billie Dove Designed One That Meets the Modern Needs With Feminine Chic.



The need to possess a wrap that will be in complete harmony with the new period gowns has been met as far as Billie Dove is concerned. Miss Dove has occasion to wear several exceedingly novel and beautifully elaborate evening gowns of period inspiration in her First National film, "The Yellow Lily." And, as this type of dress appealed to Miss Dove, she also chose several elaborate costumes of the same design for private life. But what to do for an evening gown to cover them? That was the question. The ordinary wrap not only crushed them in important places but was also out of harmony with the type of dress. So Miss Dove conceived the notion of designing a wrap to meet her immediate needs. The result was a series of really stunning wraps of individual charm and of chic appeal as well.

In general, in planning the wrap it is well to remember that the Paris edict is a clear cut distinction between sports and afternoon fashions. Sports clothes in general retain boyishness, brevity and straightline simplicity. Afternoon models are softer, more clinging and lengthened in a silhouette. The evening mode is distinctly formal.

Billie Dove finding a splendid opportunity to introduce lovely clothes of the latest fashion in First National's "The Heart of a Follies Girl," is seen in dresses and ensembles of the most pronounced feminine tendencies.

THE HOBBY OF HOBBIES.

What is it that puts gardening on a pinnacle above all other hobbies? There are golfing, book collecting, photography, bridge, raps and butterflies, but who would claim that any of them is as soul-satisfying as a garden? It is perhaps because there is much beauty in the garden waiting to reveal itself to the gardener one alone. If you prove unfaithful, and coquette with golf, or some other time-absorber, your lapis is apparent for all to see. But what it asks, the garden also returns. Have you noticed that there never can be two gardeners on one plot? The garden blossoms for one alone. Others may admire, but they may not take a hand. That surely must be the secret; you are sufficient unto your garden alone. What is the story of beating bogey, if there is no one to listen to the tale? Why collect stamps if there is no one with whom you can exchange them? Your garden is different; Yourself and a seedsmen's catalogue, you can recreate your paradise anew over the sitting-room fire. And what a humanising effect a garden has upon its devotees. Class distinction doesn't exist over a border of flowers; you simply have to be natural in a garden. A man who can learn to love a garden and raise flowers can't be all bad and entirely past praying for. If life has been serving you rather badly, and altogether you feel out

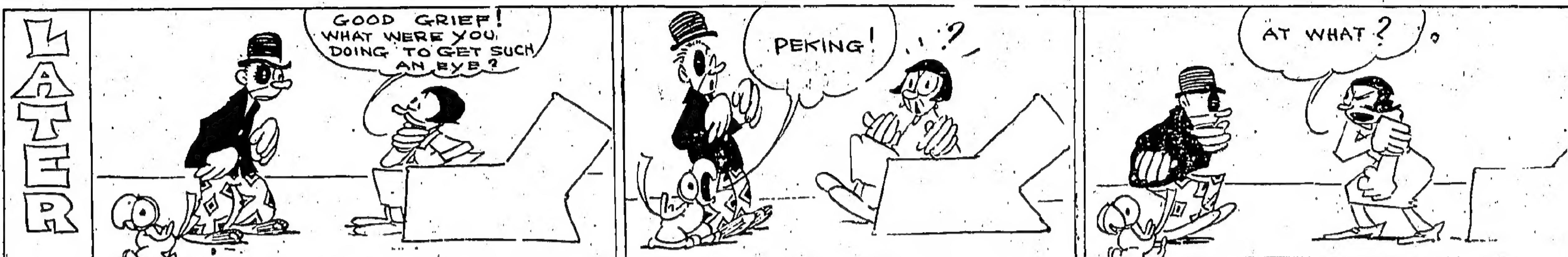
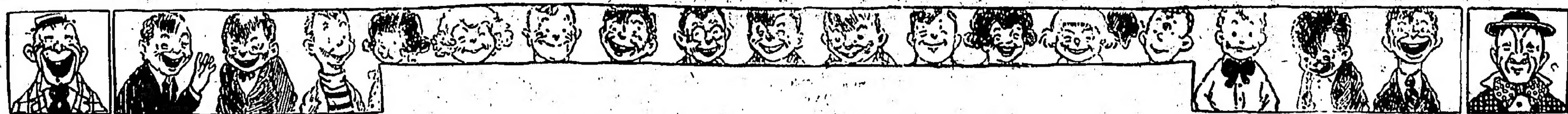
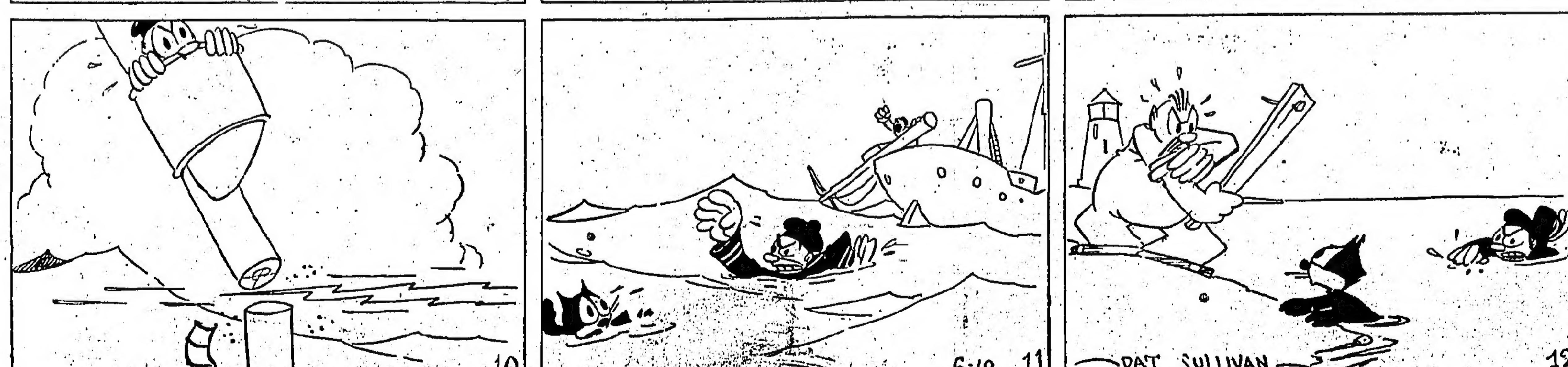
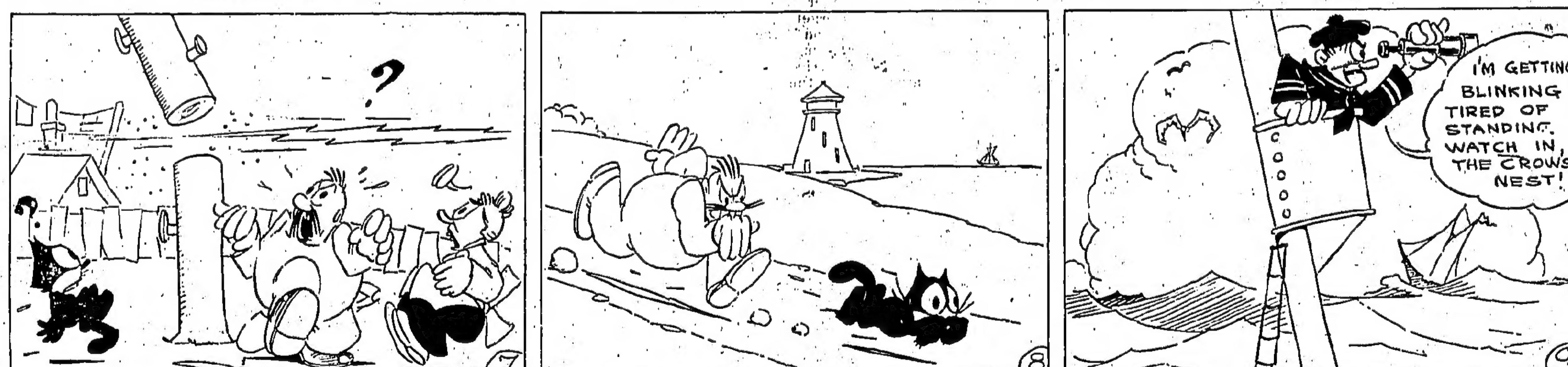
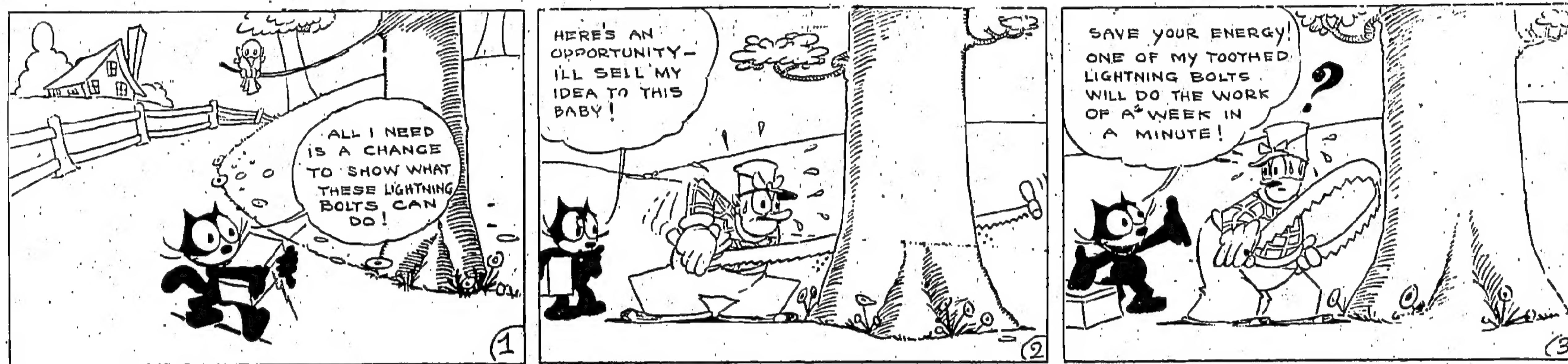
of touch with everything and everybody, then the garden is the place for you, mainly because it is silent. Spoken sympathy so often hurts, and, dare we confess it, irritates. But the garden just goes on being beautiful, despite our private woes and clamours for things to be done, and what more could any one ask than beauty to soothe and labour to forget?

Of course, you are either born a gardener or you are not. If not, then all the gardening books ever published will fail to teach you how. It's not alone a matter of much reading and deep study; love of the garden must be in your heart.

LATEST IN PARIS.

One would go a very long way to find anything more distinguished in the line of evening frocks, than those in taffeta, both in plain and figured designs, which, in our humble opinion, were the outstanding feature of the collection which was shown by the house of Lanvin the other afternoon. The most original of them all was of flowered silk the front of which was quite plain with bodice which was drawn tight around the figure and cut in a deep V at the back, from which a full breadth of the material was gathered in a semicircular effect which dipped low on the side. Another equally smart was of plain black taffeta, plain at the front and with two rows of pointed pieces in black beneath bunched at the back, held in place by glittering rhinestone ornaments on either side of the low V of the bodice.

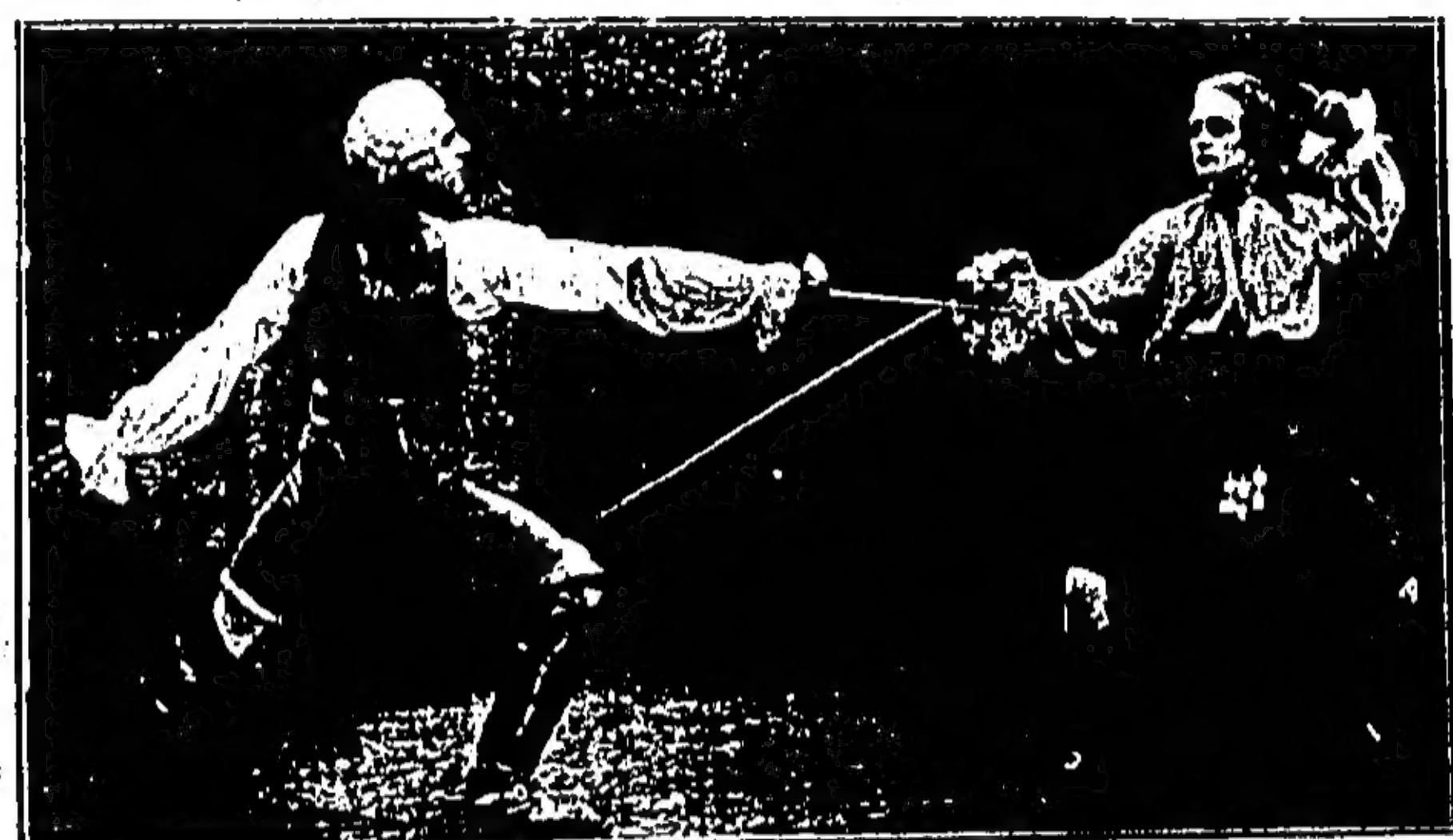
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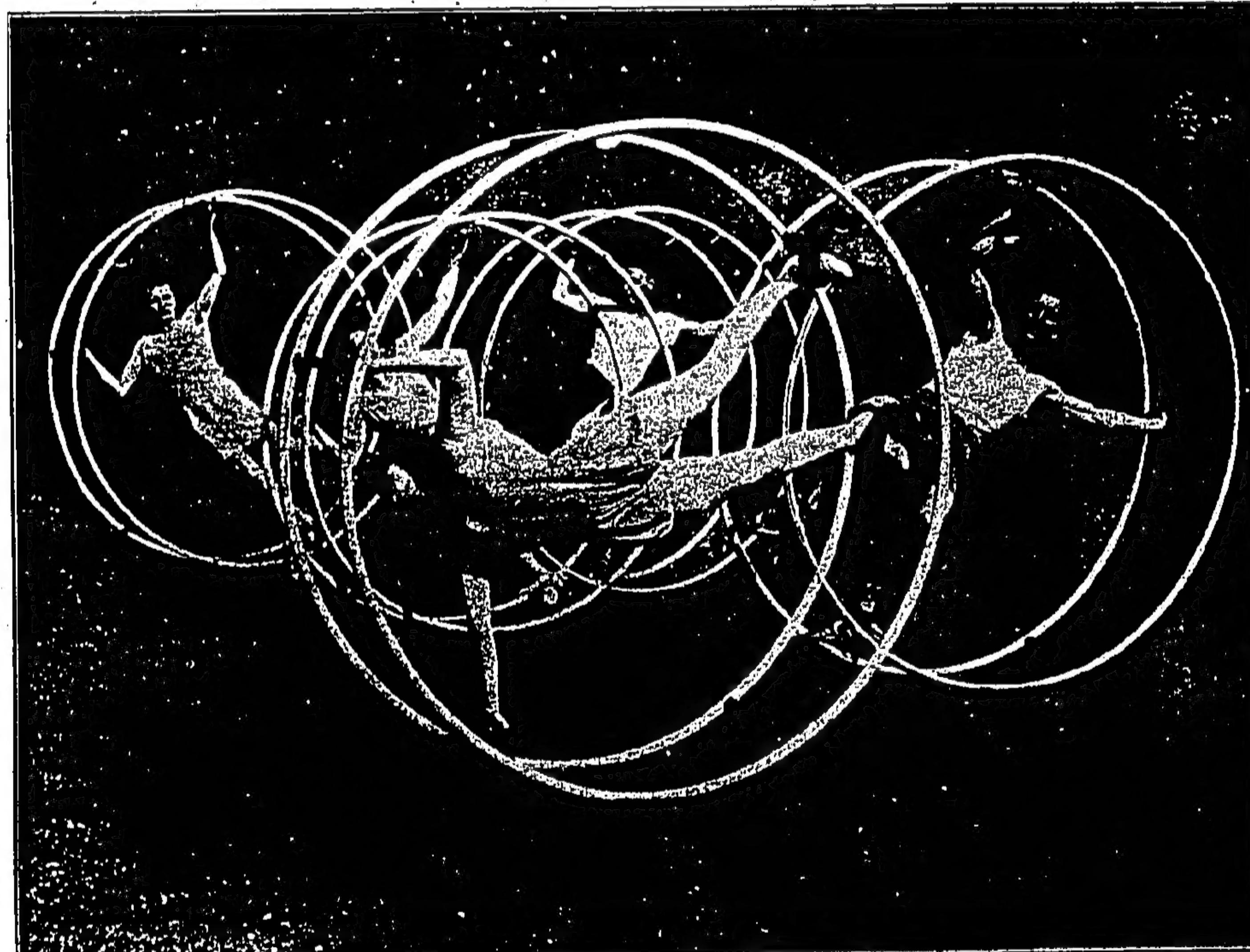
SUCCESSFUL GERMAN ATLANTIC FLIERS ON GREENLY ISLAND.—The crew and the plane on the pond on Greenly Island where they landed. L. to R.:—Dr. Louis Cusimier, Duke Schiller (both of whom flew to aid the fliers) Baron Guenther Von Huenefeld, Major Fitzmaurice (who accompanied the airmen from Ireland) and Capt. Hermann Koehl.—(Sport and General).



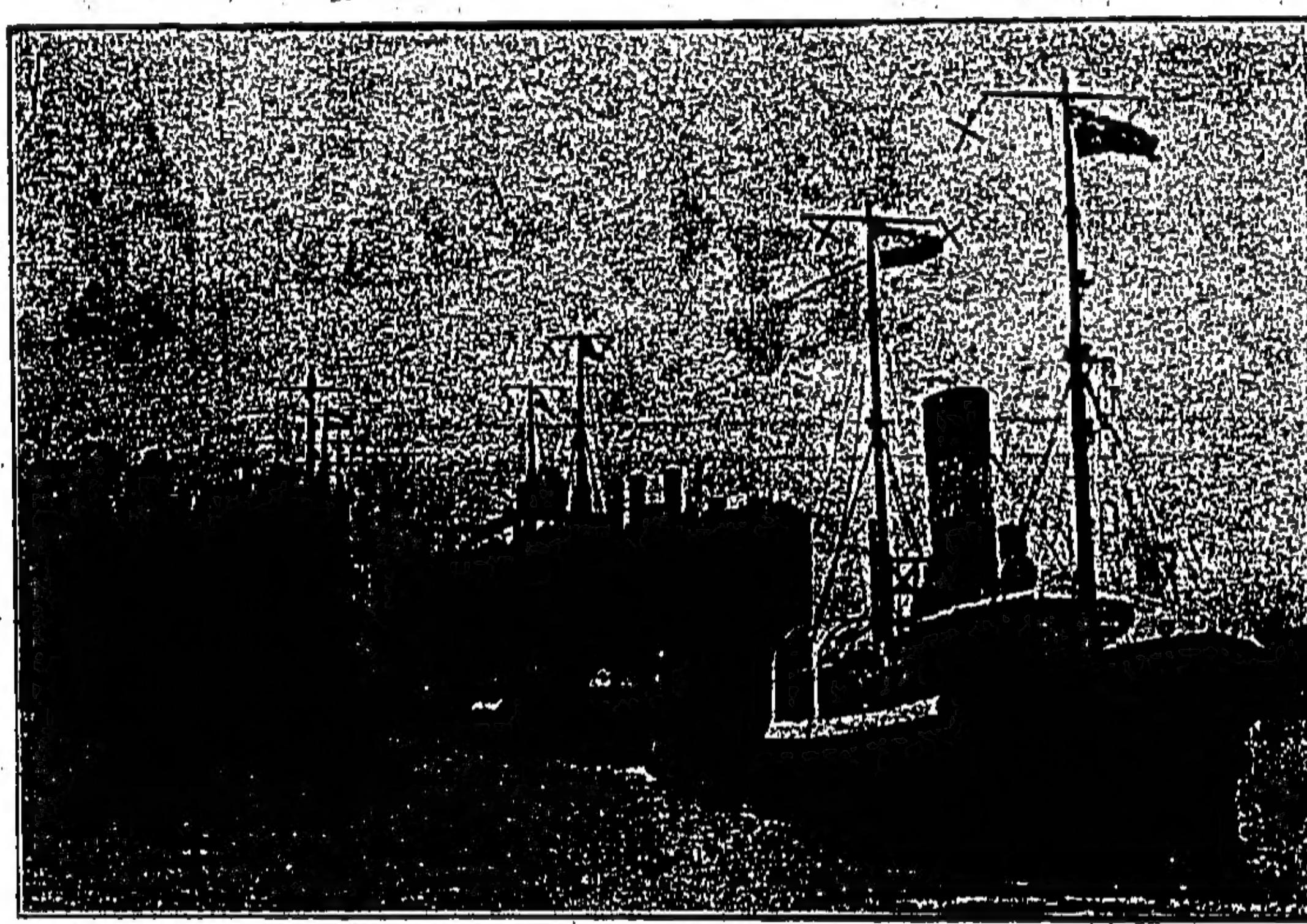
ACTRESS TAKES FENCING LESSONS TO PERFECT HER PART.—Miss Evelyn Laye, the popular actress, who is taking the part of "Nancy" in the musical play "Blue Eyes," at the Piccadilly theatre, London, takes daily fencing lessons for an hour, under the tutelage of Mr. Bertrand. Here Miss Evelyn Laye and Mr. Barry Livesay as "Captain Pickering of the Dragoons" rehearse their duel.—(Sport and General).



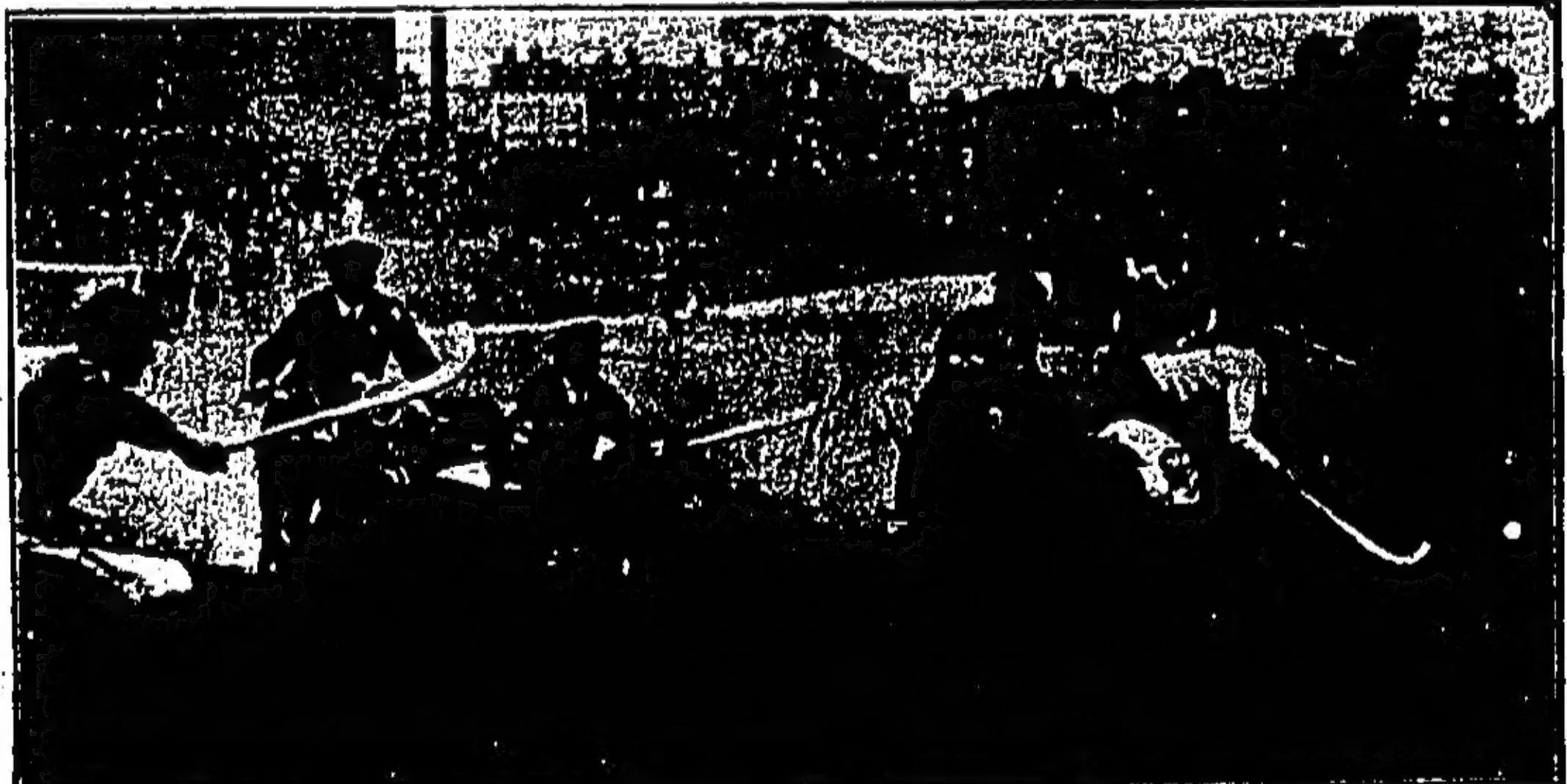
WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS RACE MEETING, ON EPSOM DOWNS, SURREY.—The finish of the Oaks Stakes, which was won by Lord Derby's Toboggan (T. Weston up) from H.M. the King's Scuttle (the favourite for the race), who was beaten by four lengths.—(Sport and General).



A-WHIRLING ON THE AERO WHEEL.—Athletes in Regents' Park, London, gave a thrilling demonstration of the aero wheel, a new gymnastic appliance approved after tests, by the British Army gymnastic branch. The apparatus is a light double-rimmed wheel which runs along the ground, the athletes being strapped by the feet to one rim, and holding grips which fasten the rims together.—(Sport and General).



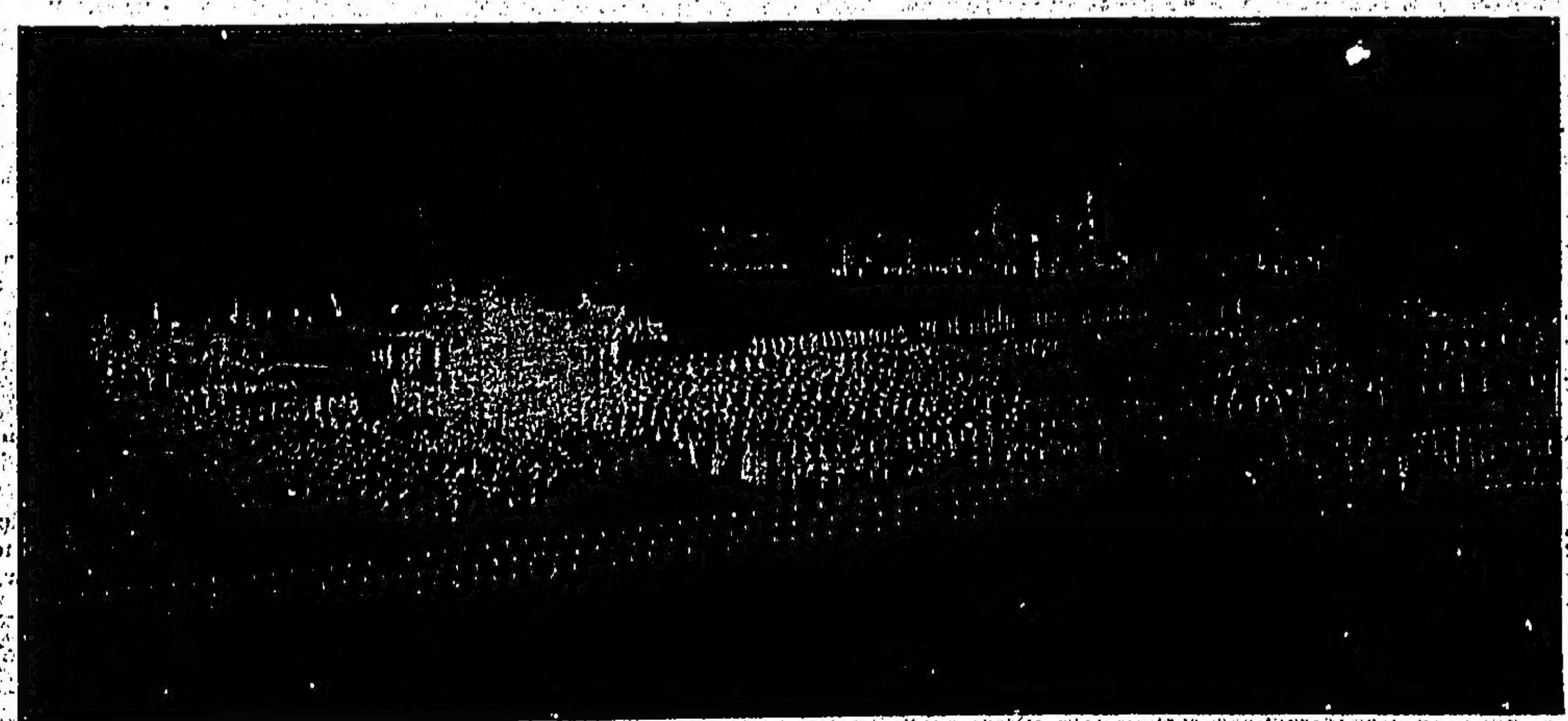
FIRST SECTION OF THE 50,000 TONS FLOATING DOCK FOR THE SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE.—Four of the most powerful tugs of a Dutch towage firm are being used to take the dock to Singapore. The complete dock will accommodate the largest warships.—(Sport and General).



SPORTS ON MOTOR CYCLES.—The Woolwich, Plumstead and District Motor Club held a motor cycle gymkhana on the Charlton football ground, Charlton, Kent, recently. Plumstead are seen breaking through the Woolwich defence in the motor cycle hockey match.—(Sport and General).



THE CHILDREN'S DELIGHT IN A TOY MOTOR DERBY.—A race for children's toy motors, including fast models, took place on a miniature Brooklands track in London, recently. The winner being vociferously cheered by his fellow competitors after the race.—(Sport and General).



MODEL FOR HONG KONG.—The Aldershot Grand Military Tattoo; night picture of the brilliant spectacle, which took place on June 21, attended by the King and Queen. The grand finale of the Tattoo.—(Sport and General).

CHINA'S TREATY.**DEVELOPMENTS IN SEVERAL DIRECTIONS.****THE INTERIM REGULATIONS.**

Shanghai, Yesterday.

According to a despatch from Nanking, the Nationalist Government has announced the termination of the Sino-Spanish, Sino-Portuguese, Sino-Italian, and Sino-Danish Treaties, to the nations of which countries the seven interim regulations now apply, pending the conclusion of new treaties.—Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The "Sin Wan Pao" states that the Nationalist Foreign Ministry has instructed the Chinese Minister at Lisbon to open negotiations for the revision of the Sino-Portuguese Treaty.

Kuklung, Yesterday.
About 2,000 troops of the Nationalist 6th Army (supporting Nanking) and opposed to Hankow have arrived here from further down the Yangtze.—British Naval Wireless.
[Note: Kuklung is 252 miles above Nanking and 112 miles below Hankow.]

tuguese Treaty, while the Chinese Minister at Copenhagen reports the willingness of Denmark to appoint a delegate to revise the Sino-Danish Treaty.

The Foreign Ministry to-day is handing the Japanese Consul at Nanking a note addressed to the Japanese Minister at Peking, the terms of which are believed to be similar to the French and Italian notes, and is also enlisting the note to the Chinese Minister at Tokyo for delivery to the Japanese Foreign Office.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S VIEW.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Discussing the question of Japan's attitude in the event of China notifying its intention of abrogating the treaty, which is fully expected, a Foreign Office spokesman intimated that no notice of it will be taken for the time being, but instead Japan will await China's next move, though possibly the Consul-General at Shanghai or Peking will make informal protest, emphasising that it is impossible for Japan to consider abrogation as clause 26 of the present treaty automatically provided renewal until October, 1936, as revision was not affected within the half of the year stipulated. On the other hand, if China asks for revision, Japan will willingly consider the request, and will refer the matter to the Cabinet Council, after which a reply will be sent.—Reuter.

CONSUL REFUSES.

Peking, Yesterday.
Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister, has received a communication from the Japanese Consul at Nanking stating that the Nationalist Government had handed him a note saying that as the three months' extension granted by the late Peking Government for negotiations of the Sino-Japanese treaty expired on July 20, the seven regulations governing the modus vivendi for the interim period, must apply to Japanese residing in China.

The Consul refused formally to receive the note on the ground that the contents were quite unacceptable to Japan, but finally agreed to transmit to the Japanese Legation the fact that the note had been submitted to him and apparently wiring the contents or the gist unofficially.

It is understood the Japanese Legation, under the orders of Tokyo, will promptly notify Nanking that as the new treaty was not negotiated within six months from October, 1926, it automatically continues for a further decade.—Reuter.

LAND REGULATIONS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
According to a report from Nanking, the Ministry of the Interior has circularised the Provincial and Civil Affairs Departments instructing them to announce and enforce the provisional regulations governing the lease of land and buildings by foreign missionaries in the provinces; also to enforce the interim regulations governing the relations between China and Foreign Governments after the termination of existing treaties and pending the conclusion of new ones.

The provisional land regulations promulgated are as follows:

Firstly, all foreign missionaries who are permitted by treaty agreements to establish mission stations and open hospitals and schools in the interior of China may lease land and construct or rent building for mission purposes.

Secondly, when so doing they shall in conjunction with the owner of the property first report the transaction to the local authorities and obtain permission thereto.

Thirdly, when the area of land to be leased or the number and size of the buildings to be rented, constructed, or purchased, exceeds the requirement of the mission the local authorities shall not be permitted to approve the transactions.

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Fourthly, whenever the land, or the building rented, etc., shall be discovered to have been utilised for profit or commercial purposes the local authorities shall stop such enterprise or declare the contract of lease invalid.

Fifthly, all existing transactions are to be reported to the local authorities. In cases where the title of the land was purchased by the foreign mission, the said mission shall be accorded the rights of a lessee.

Sixthly, these regulations shall come into effect from the date of the promulgation, i.e., to-day.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI'S COURT.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Two cases came before the Provisional Court this afternoon for hearing at which the Italian Consular official, Dr. Ramondino, should have sat with the Chinese judge.

Dr. Ramondino attended court and was in chambers when the judges reported to him that the court had received a despatch from Nanking announcing the expiry of the Sino-Italian Treaty and they therefore suggested that Dr. Ramondino should not sit.

It is understood that Dr. Ramondino assented on the understanding that the cases should be postponed.

The Chinese judge subsequently announced in open court that the cases had been postponed because the Italian deputy was no longer allowed to sit.—Reuter.

NANKING CONDITIONS.

Peking, Yesterday.
An American official who investigated the conditions in the American Consulate at Nanking on July 6 found the tennis courts being used as a drill ground and the Consulate as a barracks. A hundred soldiers were quartered there. The building was badly damaged, there being holes in the ceiling and floors and practically no furniture was visible. Windows were missing and human excreta littered the floors and passages. Altogether much must be done before the Consular officials can re-inhabit the building if the soldiers can be induced to leave.

It is understood that the situation at the British Consulate is equally bad. The Consulate is being used as a cemetery for Chinese soldiers. The Vice-Consular residence is still being used as a barracks while the Asiatic Petroleum Co. residence is used as a stable for the horses.—Reuter.

LI CHAI-SUM.

Peking, Yesterday.
Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton called at the British Legation and held a two-hours' conversation with Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister.—Reuter.

H.K.V.D.C. "PROM."**LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT A SUCCESS.**

In almost every respect last night's promenade concert, on the Volunteer Parade Ground, was a success. There was a satisfactory audience, and the programme was very much enjoyed.

It is to be hoped that other similar concerts will be arranged during the hot weather.

The various items played by the Borderers' Band were well selected, "William Tell," German's "Three Dances," "Lilac Time" and the "Gondolier" selection being received with applause. The corset solo was an outstanding and pleasing feature.

Mrs. O. C. Womack sang, to the band's accompaniment, and acquitted her difficult part admirably. "The Heart of a Rose" and Jocelyn's exquisite "Berceuse" were her contributions to which, in view of a demand for an encore, she sang two of Dorothy Foster's lovely songs. Even with so unusual an accompaniment and in the open Mrs. Womack's beautiful soprano was distinctly heard. Needless to say, her singing was very highly enjoyed.

The "Aloha Septette" by members of the Portuguese Co. provided pleasing variety in their contributions, playing and singing in typical Hawaiian style.

The "prom" was merely slightly marred by a shower, which, luckily, passed away quickly.

WATER RATIONING.

Mr. R. M. Henderson, the Water Authority, informed the Hon. Dr. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., I.L.D. (member of the Legislative Council) and Mr. Li Yau-tsun (chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce), who called on him yesterday, that six more street fountains will be erected shortly and that men of the Public Works Department would be sent out to ensure the full two hours' supply through the rider mains.

Mr. Li Yau-tsun's suggestion that water be transported from Wan Chai and the mainland to the central and western districts, as was done some thirty years ago, has to be referred to higher authorities.

Dr. Kotewall and Mr. Li made the call in response to a large number of complaints by the Chinese against water rationing.

CINEMA NOTES.**FINAL SCREENINGS FOR TO-DAY.****"HOTEL IMPERIAL."**

By having an afternoon sitting the Standing Committee of the House of Commons which is considering the Racetrack Betting Bill, was able, to make some little progress, but there is still a formidable array of amendments to be disposed of. The bill, which was introduced by Major Glyn (U., Abingdon), authorises the introduction of the totalisator on racetracks approved by the Control Board.

Mr. Hayday (Lab.-Soc., Nottingham, W.) proposed that the totalisator should be confined to parts of racetracks to which the public have not an unrestricted right of access. He protested that by imposing prohibitive fees the Jockey Club would give a monopoly to four or five of the richest bookmakers.

In the interests of the public he wanted the totalisator to be restricted to places where people had to pay in order to resort for the purpose of betting.

Sir G. Hume-Williams (U. Bassettlaw) expressed surprise that a member of the Labour party should propose to deprive the poorest class of the opportunity of taking advantage of the totalisator by confining it to places to which payment for admission was demanded.

Mr. Compton (Lab.-Soc., Gorton) pointed out that the report of those asked by the Jockey Club Committee to inquire whether there was any difficulty in installing machines, &c., on racetracks was to the effect that out of forty-seven courses thirty offered no difficulty, eleven offered difficulties which could be got over without much trouble, and the remaining six presented difficulties which did not, however, appear insurmountable. Epsom was included in the last category, because at the summer meetings an immense crowd, apparently uncontrollable, spread over a large area of common land.

The committee considered, however, that if power was obtained to enclose more land on the Downs there would be no reason why Epsom should not be adapted to the system.

Epsom, consequently, Mr. Compton declared, was outside the purview of the totalisator, so that it was no use talking about the machine being open to the nearest.

In the case of Newmarket, the Jockey Club were told that the cost of installing the totalisator on the two courses would be from £30,000 to £35,000. Further, it had been suggested that in the case of small meetings the Parl-auctuel system might be substituted. In addition,

there was a portable totalisator machine likely to be brought out at a cost of £3,000 or £4,000. In view of that information, Mr. Compton declared further examination of the whole question was necessary.

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TEASERS.**Answers to To-day's Questions.**

1. The Greek god of war.
2. The Asiatic Petroleum Company.
3. An amber-like substance, used for pipes, jewellery, etc.
4. 480.
5. A pointed Turkish rowing skiff used on the Bosphorus.
6. Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G.

WORLD THEATRE.

Jetta Goudal, Robert Ames and Clive Brook are the leading players in "Three Faces East," a thrilling story of love, espionage and the Secret Service, which will have its final showings at the World Theatre to-day. The picture has all the elements of swift dramatic action, thrills and heart appeal.

STAR THEATRE

Sport Columns
WINGFIELD SCULLS.

EX-CAMBRIDGE BLUE WINS.

London, Yesterday.—The Wingfield Sculls, champion ship on the Thames from Putney to Mortlake was won by the ex-Cambridge blue, T. Collet, who beat D. Guye (London Club) by eight lengths. Collet represents England at Amsterdam.—Reuter.

[Mr. T. D. A. Collet won the Wingfield Sculls last year.]

DAVIES CUP FINAL.

AMERICA LEADING ITALY.

Paris, Yesterday. In the Davis Cup inter-zone final Hunter beat Gaslini (Italy) 6-1, 6-0 and Hennessy (America) beat Morpurgo (Italy) 6-4, 7-5, 6-2.—Reuter.

IN THE RING.**THE WELTER-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.**

[By Eugene Corri] On Monday, at Perry Bar, Birmingham, we are to see Jack Hood and Alf Mancini fight for the welter-weight championship—a most intriguing fight and one that is not without piquancy, for the two have been reared in the same stable. It is not necessary for me to tell you that they should have settled their little difference as to who is top-dog some time ago at the National Sporting Club. When, for reasons I do not propose to enlarge upon, they did not meet at Covent Garden I feared that we should be denied the privilege of seeing them in the ring.

But a fight between them was bound to come sooner or later; it was vital and only fair that Mancini should have an opportunity of making good his claim that he was a better welter than Hood, his friend. I hope the expectations that the contest will be ample compensation for the disappointments which we have recently suffered will be realised. Whatever the result, Mancini and Hood have it in them to give a necessary fillip to the game. Both are fine boxers; Hood, I feel, has not yet revealed the full extent of his capacity. I consider him to be better than he has shown himself to be. Well, if he beats Mancini there should be no limit to what he may accomplish in the future.

A WORTHY FIGHT.

The London Italian may not be so stylish, nor yet as clever, but I know few at his weight more difficult to hit, especially when in the mood. It is claimed for Mancini that he has the heavier punch; I do not know. I can only say that when Hood first took us by the ears he did so by reason of his wallop. When I first saw him at the Club I was much taken up by his right hand. Since then, however, he has seldom employed it to the full.

This is in favour of Hood—he has a most excellent defence and has the headpiece of a real fighter. I am not for predicting the result; I will only say that I feel that it will be an entirely worthy fight; and one that should recall the halcyon days of Birmingham. If it does not remind the old 'unc' of Jabs White, Owen Moran, and the rest of a very famous school, I shall be disappointed. I have had most encouraging reports from the respective training quarters.

A DISAPPOINTING DISPLAY.

What must be said of Maxie Rosenblom now? To beat Roland Todd in the way he did at Peterland was not worthy of a man who is represented to be near to a world's wonder. It was a very poor bout, and I cannot agree that there is much that is exceptional about the American. He left most of those who turned up to see him perform cold. It may be that Rosenblom was not anxious to reveal his real hand. But his business was to show exactly what he could do. The fact that Todd went all the way with him does not enhance the American boxer's reputation, neither is it an achievement that will take him any nearer to a return contest with Tommy Milligan. As a matter of fact, his showing against Todd was all getting what he says in his heart's desire.

A WINNER!

Milligan, by the way, is to be commended for his immediate acceptance of the challenge by Len Harvey, whose £300 has been covered by the Scot.

MORE MAGISTRATES.**LONDON'S OVERWORKED BENCH.****"JIX'S" DECISION.**

The Home Secretary has definitely decided that additional police magistrates should be appointed for London, and has drawn up proposals which have been before the Treasury, as the question of increased expenditure is involved.

The matter of superannuation allowances to stipendiary magistrates has simultaneously been under consideration.

As long ago as 1839 the number of magistrates in the metropolis was fixed by the Metropolitan Police Courts Act at 27. Despite the growth of population, the coming of the motor-car, which has multiplied greatly the number of offenders to be dealt with, and the many new laws that have to be enforced, that number has not been increased. As a matter of fact there are to-day not 27, but 25 police magistrates, as was pointed out in a question addressed to Sir W. Joynson-Hicks in the House of Commons recently.

So heavy has the work become in London police-courts that the magistrates are almost unable to cope with it, and the fact that the Home Secretary has arrived at the decision that they must be reinforced will to them be welcome news.

Reply to M.P.

In the House of Commons Mr. Grotian asked the Home Secretary whether he was aware that the number of police magistrates now serving was two below the maximum fixed by statute, and whether he proposed to advise an increase of the number up to the maximum allowed.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks said this matter had been carefully considered by him for some time in conversation with the Treasury, and he hoped to be able to make an announcement at an early date.

MRS. PANKHURST.**MANY PROMINENT WOMEN AT THE GRAVESIDE.**

London, June 18. Leaders of the women's movement, including Mrs. Baldwin, Lady Astor, Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Laura Knight and Miss Flora Drummond attended the funeral service for Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, at St. John's, Westminster, close to the scene of the stormiest episode in the Suffragette campaign.

The mourners also included scores of elderly women, wearing brooches and symbols indicating that they had suffered imprisonment. Some were even wearing their old campaigning clothes. Touching scenes were witnessed at the graveside, in Brompton Cemetery, where Christabel and Sylvia Pankhurst watched the coffin lowered and a woman dipped a large purple, green, and white flag to the earth.

According to the census of 1926, 40.9 per cent of farmers in the Prairie Provinces of Canada own automobiles; 34.8 per cent then had telephones; 21 per cent had tractors; 2.2 per cent had auto-trucks, and 2.1 per cent electric light.

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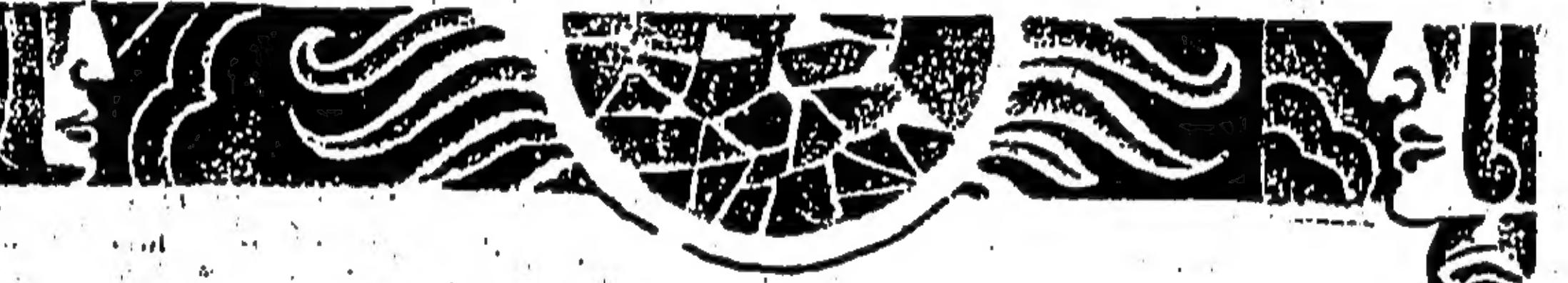
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The bridegroom and his friends were there in good time. During the wait in church Mr. Walters obtained the necessary particulars from the copies of the parish certificates presented to him in a Somerset House register form, and, it is alleged, duly signed it over a Government stamp. After an hour's wait the ceremony was abandoned.

The register, it is alleged, now includes the entry of a marriage which has not taken place, and Mr. Walters is in some doubt about the position.

Mr. Walters asked the bridegroom to try to find the bride by two o'clock in the afternoon, but at that hour neither bride nor bridegroom appeared at the church.

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This excellent study of the most original of the nomad chieftains of the Middle Ages fills a notable vacancy, for the life by R. K. Douglas, being derived mainly from Chinese sources, gives but a one-sided view of a many-sided man.

Few men have known such vicissitudes as Genghis Khan, whose career Mr Lamb traces from the time when the poisoning of his father left him at thirteen a fugitive in the Gobi Desert, to the time when, having won for himself the largest dominion in the world, and having struck terror into the Emperors of China, Constantinople and Rome, the Khalif and the Pope, he held the great assembly of all his vassal kings and potentates and delivered to them the simple lesson of his life: "I have gained great mastery by virtue of the Yassa; live ye in obedience to the laws."

The laws in question were broad-minded and kindly, as is shown by such a precept as:

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FORGOTTEN POETESS

WAS SHE POISONED?

L. E. L. A mystery of the thirties.
By D. E. Enfield. (Hogarth
Press, 10s. 6d.)

Letitia Elizabeth Landon, the subject of this biography, though now forgotten, was a popular poetess of a century ago. She was the friend of many of the nobilities of her day, and there was some surprise when she married George Maclean, Governor of the Gold Coast, and in 1838 left England to share his life at Cape Coast Castle.

The biographer gives a most unflattering account of him, declaring among other things, that he drank. If he drank he must have had a charmed life, for he spent 21 years in a climate which was then accounted pestilential, and displayed such vigour and capacity that he is regarded to this day as one of the ablest governors the country has ever had.

Shortly after her arrival at Cape Coast Castle, she was found dead in her dressing room, early in the morning, and it was said that a bottle of dilute prussic acid (which she was in the habit of taking in small doses as a remedy for spasms) was in her hand. The presumption at the time was that she had taken an overdose.

Malicious voices accused her husband Maclean, of poisoning her and this biography gives a certain countenance to the charge by complaining that "he allowed his wife, who had admittedly met a violent and mysterious end, to be buried within 12 hours of her death and without a post mortem." The author might have recollected that a swift burial is a sad necessity of that sweltering heat and that the doctor who examined the body and testified at the inquest regarded a post mortem as quite unnecessary.

The book is fancifully written and the historic present (which is not an English idiom) is freely used. It should surely have been stated that two of Mrs. Maclean's most intimate friends on the Gold Coast "had absolutely no doubt that her death was accidental and indignantly repudiated the charges made against Maclean."

LITERARY ROMANCE

HAWTHORNDEN-PRIZE
AWARD.

"TARKA, THE OTTER."

The Hawthornden Prize for Literature for 1927 has been awarded to Mr. Henry Williamson for his book, "Tarka, the Otter."

The prize, instituted in 1919 by Miss Alice Warrender, is awarded annually for a work of imagination by a British author whose age does not exceed 41. Its value is £100.

In conversation with a representative of "The Daily Telegraph" recently, Mr. Williamson, who is just over 30 years of age, told how he left London in 1921 with no money or prospects. "I rented a cottage in a Devon village at £2 a year," he said, "and lived there for five years writing and hoping. I slept out at nights studying the habits of the animals. For most of the time I ranged up and down between the two rivers Tor and Torridge."

Speaking of "Tarka, the Otter," Mr. Williamson said he had rewritten the book seventeen times, and in its final form every stick, stone, and tree in the book could actually be traced in the Devon country. His first book, "Beautiful Years," was published in 1921. "It was one of the world's worst sellers," he humorously commented. Since then he has written "Sun Brothers," "The Old Stag," both animal studies, and later "Pathway," the story of a soldier injured in the war who revolts against the whole set of ideals which he holds caused the great upheaval.

"My great ambition," he added, "is to write the story of the war from the human point of view, which will be the story of every man who was in the war."

Mr. John Galsworthy, in presenting the prize at the Royal Hall, New Bond-street, recently, described "Tarka, the Otter," as a truly remarkable creation. It was the result of stupendous imaginative concentration, fortified by endlessly patient and loving observation of Nature. Henry Williamson had received as yet infinitely less credit as a writer than he deserved. He was the finest and most intimate living interpreter of the drama of wild life, and he was, at his best, a beautiful writer.

THE COMPLACENCY OF MAN.

"I always think," continued Mr. Galsworthy, "that the human being has got an altogether too complacent notion of his position in the scheme of things; that man first, second, and third, beast, bird, and fish left at the post, does not adequately describe the scheme of creation. And I welcome with very heartfelt gratitude the existence of any talent which will make any sort of hole in our urban, not to say

SECRETS OF HEALTH

WE MUST HAVE
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[By Sir W. Arbuthot Lane,
Bart., C.B.]

Baron Larrey, in his Memoirs of the Russian Campaign, was much impressed by the fact that those soldiers who were recruited from the nations of the South of Europe bore the cold and hardships of those terrible marches very much better, and with far less complaint, than did those who came from the northern countries.

We are only commencing to realise the great part that sunshine plays in the health of individuals, and, indeed, of entire nations, affecting them physically and morally. It gives to the life of the Southerner that joie de vivre which is singularly inconspicuous with us.

The New Health Society is working in association with the mining magnates to bring sunshine to the bravest and most industrious class in the community. Those rays of health, in the ordinary way, are accessible only to the rich who are able to travel. Even they only avail themselves to a small extent of the advantages sunshine offers. While the Southerner will expose his body to the sun for hours at a time, the Englishman wears a big hat and carries an umbrella.

When those whose lives are spent in gloomy rooms realise the enormous gain which they can derive from artificial sunlight they will insist on lamps being installed in suitable places where they will be readily accessible to the many.

Ultra-violet rays are much more necessary to health and to the enjoyment of life than are baths, and the example set by the New Health Society and others in the mining community will now spread to every class of worker, who will insist on having what is an inestimable benefit. It is cheap and can be employed with perfect safety. Any expenditure on this will repay huge dividends in health.

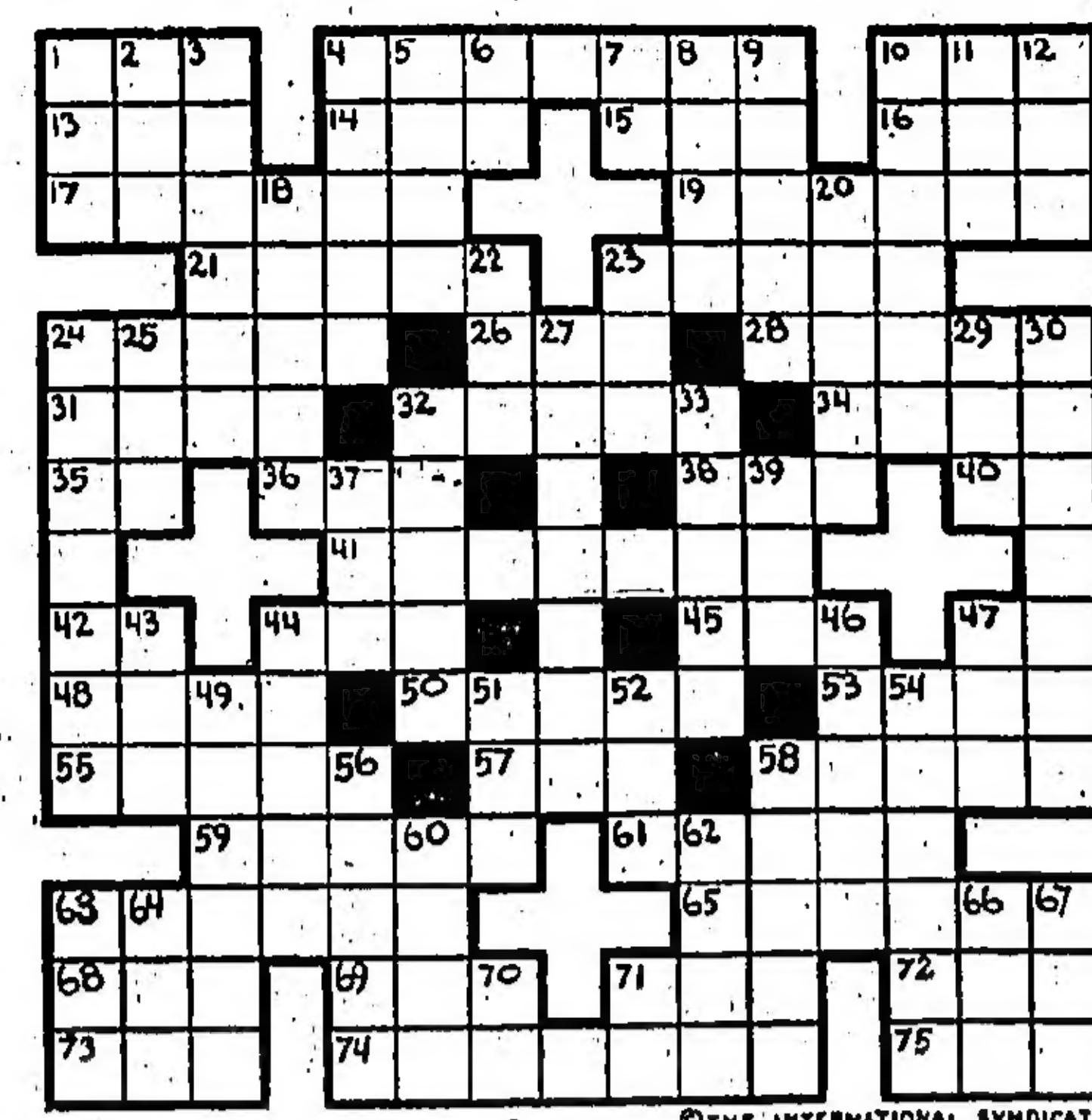
Suburban, satisfaction with human superiority.

If you think of it, when we are interested in beasts and birds and their natural surroundings, it's almost always not for themselves and their good, but for ourselves and our good. We're interested in them commercially; we like to make money out of their feathers or their skins; or aesthetically; we like to wear them in our hats or round our necks; or as sportsmen we're terribly fond of some creatures in order to do other creatures in; or as collectors we love to look upon their stuffed, or pinned, or bottled beauty; or as cooks we do their flavours, and do our best to destroy them with sauces; or as musicians, we like to hear them singing on the radio; or as racegoers, we like them to win at 33 to 1—when we've backed them; or as scientists and valetudinarians we appreciate them as animals with extremely healthy glands which we can appropriate to ourselves.

"Not many of us, I think, delight in them as creatures with a love of life as strong as or perhaps stronger than our own; certainly in the mass more beautiful than ourselves—I went to the Derby the other day—and still living in a world of ungarnished Nature which goes back to a time when Man was not. When a man or woman succeeds in watching wild life just for the pleasure of watching it, and without any thought of the benefit it may bring, he or she has gone far towards that forgetfulness of self which many people regard as a sign of mania, but which is really the keystone of happiness. That being so, when a writer can bring to us some true and thrilling sense of the strange, vivid, and separate importance of beasts, birds, and plants, shall we not be grateful and do him honour?"

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)											
1-A coal-cutting	55-To entice into	9-A native of China	13-Exalt	17-Editor of	21-Solence (abbr.)	25-Glass	29-A game of dominoes	33-B, central State (abbr.)	37-Legendary bird	41-A poster	45-A
4-A native of China	56-To danger	10-urf	14-wood covering	18-put on, as a garment	22-Certified Public Accountant (abbr.)	26-raw metal	30-An alcoholic liquor	34-A game	38-A	42-A	46-Devotees of the weed
10-urf	57-Brilliant	11-Exalt	15-to	19-into	23-Combining form	27-Tightly curled	31-Consumes	35-central State (abbr.)	39-legendary	43-Eras	47-Irritates
14-wood covering	58-To gaze	16-Exalt	17-planted grass	20-a	24-Straight	28-Task	32-earns	36-legendary	40-Exalted	44-A native of New Zealand	48-Excluded
15-to	59-Obscure spelling of "erase"	18-into	19-thin slice of meat	21-Wands	25-Entire cordage	29-Tiny	33-raw metal	37-B	41-Name	45-Name	49-A card game
19-into	60-Developed teeth	20-a	20-a	22-Combining form	26-Permit	30-raw metal	34-A European country	38-Name	42-Name	46-Name	50-Name
a	61-Enemas	21-Exalt	21-a	23-Combining form	27-Suffix Pertaining to	31-raw metal	35-A	39-Name	43-Name	47-Name	51-Name
21-Exalt	62-Attached	22-into	22-a	24-Entire cordage	28-Permit	32-raw metal	36-raw metal	37-Name	44-Name	48-Name	52-Name
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SUPERSTITIONS.BY CHARLES B. COCHRAN,
THEATRICAL PRODUCER.**LUCKY OR UNLUCKY.**

They say in the theatre that a play with the word "golden" in its title is bound to be unlucky. For my own part, I am beginning to think that the name "Rome" must be an unfortunate choice.

Twice in my life I have been connected with the production of "Rome" plays. Eight years ago there was "One Night in Rome," with Miss Laurette Taylor, at the Garrick Theatre. On the first night someone threw stink bombs from the gallery. Now I have just had a hand in the London presentation of "The Road to Rome," which has been taken off after a sixteen days' run—the shortest run with which I have ever been managerially connected.

Yes, I am becoming a little bit superstitious about "Rome." But to be quite serious, I have no hard-and-fast stage superstitions; I would humour an artist or an author in any reasonable way about such things, but I certainly would not allow superstition to get in the way of business as a manager.

As a matter of fact, too, the young people of the theatre are becoming less and less superstitious; and although you may get a girl not wanting to wear green or anything with peacock's feathers in a part, there is decidedly less stage superstition rife than there was.

Mr. Harry Grattan, the revue writer, and Chaliapine are two people whom I have come across professionally who do—or, at any rate, did—live up to superstitions. Mr. Grattan did several of my early revues, and he always point blank refused to allow the tag line—the last line of the piece, that is—to be spoken till the end of the opening performance. As a matter of fact, he would never let anyone know what the final words were. During the first performance he would produce them on a bit of paper, which he handed to whoever had to say the words, and they were said unrehearsed. This "tag" superstition is a very old theatrical one, but nowadays it is not conformed to generally—every word of most plays is rehearsed in production.

The black cat superstition obtains the "wrong way round" with Chaliapine. The Albert Hall black cat (it is not perpetually the same identical cat, of course, but it comes of one family of cats) is famous with artists who appear there, and consequently I was very much taken aback when Albert Coates, the musical conductor, once warned me, "For goodness' sake don't let Chaliapine see that cat; he will walk straight out of the place if you do."

"But black cats are lucky," I said.

"In Russia they are terribly unlucky," Mr. Coates explained.

The still persistent idea that it is unlucky to start a new play on a Friday I am definitely against. Indeed, I consider that Friday is almost the best opening night in the week. A play's second night is generally apt to be a bad one, but if you begin on a Friday you get your second performance on Saturday, when there is almost certain to be a good audience.

For practical purposes this is good for the play and the players who are probably suffering from the reaction of their first night; from a cynical point of view your second night falling on a Saturday gives you at least one pretty full house, however bad your play may be!



Berlin, Germany.—The use of rockets of special construction to provide the motive power for an automobile has been successfully demonstrated by Fritz von Opel, the inventor. The car looks like a racing auto but is equipped with miniature airplane wings which extend from the sides. The car in its initial demonstration attained a speed of 100 kilometers an hour within two seconds of the start and finally reached 250—about 150 miles an hour. Lower photo shows the rear end of the car showing the tubes from which the rockets are discharged.



Prince Leopold and Princess Astrid, being cheered by the population of Liege, Belgium, when they attended a festival held in that city. Liege was the first Belgian town to suffer from the German invasion in 1914.

"Macbeth," for some mysterious reason, is generally looked upon as being an "unlucky play," which is no doubt the reason why quotations from it are sternly discouraged in theatres. It is supposed to be a terrible thing for anyone to say a line from "Macbeth" on a first night.

WHISTLING.

Whistling in a dressing room is regarded as another form of stage crime, calculated to bring down misfortune upon the inmates of the room, if not upon the whole play. The "antidote" to whistling in a dressing room is for the offender to go outside at once and turn round three times.

To crack or break a looking glass is held to be sure and certain bad luck, but to break a tumbler—by accident, of course—is thought to be a most fortunate thing to do. An umbrella, that true and trusted friend to so many old-time comedians, must never on any account be opened on the stage.

I am very fond of the circus, but I am forced to admit that there are some grounds for the common belief that plays about the circus, however good they may be, will have no luck about them. There have been a number of instances of such plays failing to attract audiences.

Most actors and actresses like to get telegrams and messages wishing them "good luck" on the first night of a play in which they are acting. But I have had at least one star under my management who did not—Alice Delysia, I mean.

She is French, and it seems she is in France to wish an artist "good luck" before a first performance.

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Two bulls being taken to the Liverpool abattoir escaped and knocked down many people in the streets, one animal being at large for nearly an hour.

Bermondsey Borough Council is to be recommended to take up a loan of £68,053 to erect new municipal offices on the site of the old Spa-road bath.

IN A DESERT.
**EXPEDITION WITH TRACTORS
AND WIRELESS.**

An expedition into the Kalahari, the vast desert between the Orange and Zambezi rivers, Bechuanaland, is to be undertaken by Dr. C. E. Cadle, Colorado Museum of Natural History, Professor R. L. Mannen, Texas University and the Whittle Museum, and Mr. W. J. Cameron.

They landed, wearing tropical suits, at Southampton from the White Star liner "Majestic" and leave for Capetown. Dr. Cadle told a "Daily Mail" reporter:

"We are going to Africa because the cradle of the human race is to be found there if anywhere.

There is no doubt, that the Bushmen who now exist only in the Kalahari desert are descendants of the race which formerly inhabited Africa. We know very little of these people, but it is apparent that while they seem to have Negro in them their features are those of the Mongolian race.

We have sent from the United States two two-ton tractors which will have a cruising radius of 1,000 miles into the desert. We shall take a full wireless set with us so as to keep in touch with civilisation.

We hope to startle the world within the next two or three years.

DONNA MYRIAN.

ROME GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER
AT COURT.

The fifth and last Court of the season was held at Buckingham Palace on June 11.

The Queen was in a magnificent dress of topaz and gold lame trimmed with topaz and crystal embroidery. She wore a train of green and gold, Indian kinabrocade, lined with pale gold tissue, an emerald and diamond tiara, and ornaments of emeralds, including the famous Indian carved emerald, and the Order of the Garter.

The King wore the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the Irish Guards. With him were the Duke of Gloucester in Hussars uniform and Prince George in naval uniform.

One of the most interesting presentations was that of Donna Myrian Potenziani, daughter of the Governor of Rome, who is visiting London as the guest of the City Corporation. She wore a picture dress of white satin and a train of silver tissue.

THE FROTHBLOWERS.**"A DYING FORCE."**

At the Primitive Methodist Conference, at Southport, the Rev. Sam Rowley, secretary of the temperance department, had a tilt at the Frothblowers. "Knowing what I do," he said, "I do not hesitate to say publicly that the Frothblowers' movement at this date is a dying force. It has become a limited company since our last conference. It is limited in many ways." In India and Africa good work had been done against the Frothblowers.

During a debate on the Sunday School Union it was stated that in three years the union had lost 20,000 scholars. The report pointed out that during last year there had been a decrease of ten schools and 384 teachers. The year's decrease of female scholars was 6,480. More than one-half of the schools had no classes of any sort for junior members, and 2,000 schools had no scholars in church membership at all.

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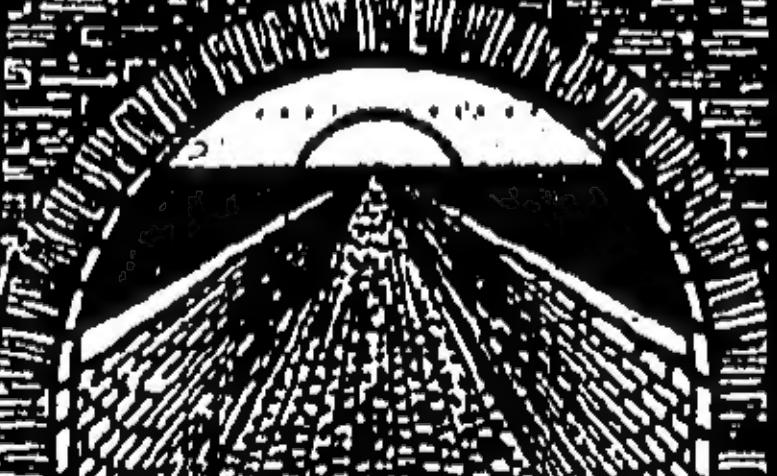
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RESULT OF BRITAIN'S AIR RACE.

OFFICER WINS.

ONLY WOMAN COMPETITOR MAKES PLUCKY EFFORT.

1,000 MILES HANDICAP.

London, Yesterday.

The competitors in the 1,000 miles' handicap air race round Britain for the King's Cup completed the first stage to-day at Renfrew Aerodrome, a distance of 540 miles. Miss Spooner, the only woman competitor, who flew a Moth machine, made a great bid for victory. Starting third from Hendon she was second to arrive at Norwich and was first at Birmingham. She was still leading at Leeds, but afterwards lost her advantage.

The first to arrive at Renfrew was Flying Officer Atcherley in a Gloster Grebe, his time being 5 hrs. 9 mins. 25 secs.

Miss Spooner was tenth in 5 hrs. 47 mins. 54 secs.—British Wireless Service.

Thirty-Seven Competitors.

London, Yesterday.

Thirty-seven aeroplanes of all sizes and horse-power lined up at Hendon for the King's Cup Handicap Race, the greatest civil air event of the year. This year the R.A.F. also are competing, and there is one lady competitor piloting a "Moth." An autogiro is competing for the first time.

This cross country race lasts two days, and the total distance on the first day is 541 miles over a devious course to Glasgow.—Reuter.

ANTI-WAR PACT.

LONDON PRESS COMMENT.

London, Yesterday.

That the acceptance by British countries of the anti-war proposals marks the definite conclusion of negotiations and heralds an early rush for the turnstiles is the conviction of the London press. It is considered that it only remains for Mr. Kellogg to name the date and place of signature, after which America will be bound in a moral partnership which to some extent will compensate her for non-membership of the League of Nations. On all sides tributes are paid to Mr. Kellogg's initiative.

The "Daily Telegraph" considers that Mr. Kellogg's previous silence upon the subject of "certain regions" implies consent, for the United States claims in its own quarter of the world a special position which is not widely dissimilar from the British claims in Egypt and the Suez Canal.

The "Times" considers that the treaty marks a notable extension of the area wherein war is highly improbable, while the "Daily News" points out that significance of the episode is the strength of the world-wide will for peace. The Pact is one step on the long road, says the "Daily Chronicle," and should hearten the nations to take the next step—the reduction of armaments.

The "Morning Post" considers that all who find comfort in words and formulas will derive considerable satisfaction from the treaty, which is likely to be adopted, while the "Daily Herald" says that Sir Austen Chamberlain's conditions make the treaty futile and valueless.

Mr. Kellogg Going to Paris.

According to the New York newspapers, the anti-war pact will be signed in August. Mr. Kellogg, who is well pleased at the replies received from all over the world, will sail for Paris about the middle of August.—Reuter.

Japan's Reply.

Tokyo, Yesterday. It is officially intimated that Japan's reply to the American anti-war proposal, which is expected to be handed to Mr. MacVeagh (U.S. Ambassador) this evening or tomorrow, will be worded very similarly to the British reply and will contain no reservations.—Reuter.

The s.s. "Kochow" which founded off the Wangmon Bar, went yesterday into Kwong Fook Cheong shipyard for overhaul. The cost of the overhaul, says a Chinese report, will be \$20,000 and the work will be completed within a month's time.

"PEACE IN INDUSTRY" VOTE.

AT LLANDUDNO.

MINERS OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOUR.

BLOW TO THE "REDS."

London, Yesterday.

The Miners' Conference at Llandudno, by 309,000 votes to 192,000, defeated a resolution condemning the "peace in industry" discussions between the Labour Council and a group of employers.—Reuter.

CAUSE OF CANCER.

DOCTORS STILL GROPING IN DARKNESS.

DIVERGENT VIEWS.

London, Yesterday.

The proceedings of the Cancer Conference, while providing the frankest exchange of viewpoints, has hitherto served to emphasize the darkness in which earnest researches are still groping.

The delegates have joined issue as regards both the cause and cure of the disease, an example of the former being the statement of the American Doctor Murphy, contrasting the growing view that cancer was due to a virus.

Yesterday's discussion centred on the efficacy of the lead treatment. On the one hand delegates related marvellous cures, while others declared that lead treatment yielded no results or that patients actually grew worse under it.

Sir Thomas Horder, who is presiding, summed up that it was doubtful whether the treatment had reached a stage where it had become a practical therapeutic measure in all cases.—Reuter.

GRAVE OUTLOOK.

THREAT TO 500,000 COTTON OPERATIVES.

A LOCK-OUT?

London, Yesterday.

A grave decision threatening the lockout of half a million cotton operatives in Lancashire has been taken by the special committee of the Federation of Master Spinners' Association at Manchester. The Committee met to consider the strike of spinners at Ramsey Mill, Oldham, over a workman's refusal to join the trade-union, and decided to recommend to an extraordinary general meeting on July 27 that all the Federation mills be closed at noon on August 11 and to remain closed until the Ramsey Mill strikers resume.

The lockout would affect about 120,000 operatives in the American section, 80,000 in the Egyptian section and 300,000 weavers.—Reuter.

LINER DISABLED.

"CITY OF YOKOHAMA" ASKS FOR AID.

ENGINE TROUBLE.

Colombo, Yesterday.

The City liner, "City of Yokohama," from Australia has sent a wireless message from a point 1,150 miles south of Colombo, stating that she is disabled and wants assistance. The local agents will probably send a ship to the liner, which is believed to have experienced engine trouble.—Reuter.

MAIL THEFT.

SEQUEL TO THE THEFT ON S.S. "LEVIAHAN."

New York, Yesterday.

Charged with the theft of registered mail, valued at £1,200 from the s.s. "Leviathan," Archibald Chapman, assistant linen-keeper on the "Leviathan" was released on bail.—Reuter.

DAME ELLEN TERRY.

IN AN UNCONSCIOUS CONDITION.

London, Yesterday.

Dame Ellen Terry, who has been unconscious since Tuesday, is reported to be sinking.—Reuter.

A woman residing at No. 95, Ching Yuen-lane, Wan-chai, reports that a *mut tax*, aged 19, went shopping on Wednesday morning and failed to return. At the same time \$35 disappeared from the house.

OSCAR SLATER WINS HIS APPEAL.

A LONG STRUGGLE.

SERVED 18 YEARS IN PRISON.

"SHERLOCK'S" VICTORY.

London, Yesterday.

Oscar Slater, who nearly twenty years ago was sentenced for the murder of Miss Gilchrist, in Glasgow, and who served over 18 years imprisonment, won his appeal against the sentence in the Court of Criminal Appeal at Edinburgh to-day.

Thus ends dramatically the agitation in Slater's favour which has been going on for years and in which Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the well-known criminologist, has played a leading part.

Lord Clyde, President of the High Court of Justiciary at Edinburgh, delivering the judgment of the Appeal Court, said the case was undoubtedly one of great difficulty. Of those principally concerned in the original trial, whether as witnesses or in preparing the case, few now survived. Even the judge, who presided, died nine years ago. Proofs of the identity of Slater adduced at the original trial had been exposed to formidable criticism in the course of the Appeal, but the difficulties of proving identity had been fairly put before the jury at the original trial by counsel on both sides and their importance had been impressed upon the jury by the judge. Under these circumstances the Appeal Court was unable to hold that the jury's verdict was either unreasonable or unsupported by evidence.

But the Court of Appeal held that there had been a misdirection of the jury by the judge, who had told the jury what is familiarly known as presumption of innocence in criminal cases applied to Slater with less effect, in view of his ambiguous character. Presumption of innocence was fundamental to the whole system of British criminal prosecution and it was a radical error of the judge to have suggested that Slater did not have the same benefit of it as any other accused person.

The Appeal Court therefore decided that the conviction must be set aside on the ground of this misdirection in law.—British Wireless Service.

The "City of Khoi's" bows were stove in, and she had to be towed in.—Reuter.

TOURING IN TURKEY.

ENGLISH MOVE FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT.

Constantinople.—The Turkish Foreign Ministry has undertaken an examination into the obstacles to the development of touring in Turkey. The initiative came from English touring agencies, who approached Ferid Bey, the Turkish Ambassador in London, and laid the present situation before him.

According to the figures before the Foreign Ministry, Turkish pilotage, lighthouse, sanitary, and anchorage dues for tourist vessels arriving in Constantinople greatly exceed the same dues in Italy and Greece. A tourist vessel of 180,000 tons, which at Naples pays dues amounting to £48 and at the Piraeus dues amounting to £12, has to pay £201 on arriving here. A considerable increase of tourists visiting Constantinople is, nevertheless, occurring yearly. Since January of this year 13,000 tourists have landed here in organised groups, American and English, besides Rumanian and Bulgarian.